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In accordance with the provisions of Article IV. of the By-Laws, the following report is respectfully submitted to the citizens of the town for their consideration.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BRAINTREE:

The improvements of Elm street, began last year, but necessarily left in an unfinished state, have this year been completed, and the street placed in good condition for travel.

The new street (Central avenue) leading from Washington to Franklin street, has been built at a cost somewhat within the amount appropriated by the town for that purpose.

The repairs on Commercial street bridge have been finished, but the cost has been considerably in excess of the amount which was appropriated for that purpose, from the fact that, upon examination, it was found that much more extensive repairs were needed than was at first supposed—the wall and arches being in a very bad condition, requiring to be rebuilt from the foundation. It is believed that it is now thoroughly repaired and the defects of its original construction remedied.

River street bridge has also been thoroughly repaired, at a cost slightly above the estimate.

Guide boards have been placed at all points where they seemed to be needed, and we believe the requirements of the statute are now substantially complied with.

HIGHWAYS.

The highways have been repaired, under the direction of the surveyors chosen by the town, and it is believed that they have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and have expended the funds entrusted to them in an economical manner, and with the exercise of a sound judgment; and we trust that the roads are in an improved condition.

The wooden bridge on Adams street, to which the attention of the town was called in the last annual report, will probably need to be rebuilt the coming season, and we therefore recommend an appropriation for that purpose, and, also, that whenever it is rebuilt, that it should be of stone.

An appropriation will be required to carry out the plan of widening and straightening West street, as laid out by the Selectmen and accepted by the town.

ALMSHOUSE.

The whole expense of the Almshouse establishment is somewhat larger than last year, although the cost per week for each inmate is considerably less. This is owing principally to the fact that the number of inmates is larger than last year, although the Superintendent and Matron are entitled to much credit for their close attention to economy and the good judgment and energy displayed in their management of the establishment.

The expense of the poor out of the Almshouse is greater than last year, although perhaps not larger than might reasonably be expected, when we con-

sider the great depression in business and the scarcity of employment, as well as the severity of the season.

One of the insane persons to whom reference was made in the last annual report, has been removed from the hospital to the Almshouse, thereby lessening the cost of his support to the town, and, as yet, no ill effect has appeared to follow his removal.

INCIDENTAL.

Early in the season, a claim was presented by Mr. David McAuliffe, for compensation for an injury alleged to have been sustained by his wife, in consequence of a defect said to exist in a sidewalk at East Braintree. After careful consideration of the claim, and of the evidence by which it was supported, we deemed it advisable to settle the claim without incurring the expense of a lawsuit.

JOSEPH R. FRASIER,	}	Selectmen
ABIJAH ALLEN,		of
S. W. HOLLIS,		Braintree.

SCHOOLS.

High School.

Charles E. Stetson, teaching,	\$1,500 00
Rebecca H. Holyoke, teaching,	500 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	73 80
A. Billings, care of room,	28 00
W. A. Torrey, care of room,	25 00
Town Hall, fuel,	8 80
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	\$2,135 60

Union School.

Isabel C. Livingston, teaching 20 weeks, <i>a</i> \$11,	\$220 00
Joanna W. Penniman, teaching 20 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	180 00
S. L. Burnham, teaching 40 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	360 00
A. F. Allen, teaching 20 weeks, <i>a</i> \$11,	220 00
Carrie W. Hayden, teaching 15 weeks, <i>a</i> \$7,	105 00
M. J. Deering, teaching 5 weeks, <i>a</i> \$7,	35 00
Thomas Brandley, care of house,	11 00
F. H. Hardwick, " "	26 50
Herbert Keith, " "	6 50
John Gallivan, " "	3 50
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	70 25
Mrs. J. Hennessey, cleaning house,	7 20
John H. Rowell, care of house,	10 00
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	\$1,254 95

Pond School.

Abbie D. Penniman, teaching 20 weeks, <i>a</i> \$10,	\$200 00
E. G. Ames, teaching 11 weeks, <i>a</i> \$12 50,	137 50
F. A. Arnold, teaching 5 weeks, <i>a</i> \$12 50,	62 50
E. M. Thompson, teaching 35 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	315 00
E. G. Ames, teaching 3 4-5 weeks, <i>a</i> \$12 50,	47 50
S. E. Torrey, teaching 40 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	360 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	79 75
J. Loud & Co., coal,	17 00
E. M. Thompson, teaching 5 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	45 00
Henry U. Mansfield, care of house,	31 87
Jonathan Thayer, splitting wood,	4 00
W. A. Torrey, care of house,	18 75
Merril T. Call, " "	8 33
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	\$1,327 20

South School.

Flora J. Dyer, teaching 20 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	\$160 00
Annie F. Shaw, teaching 2 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	18 00
Margaret E. C. Bannon, teaching 18 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	144 00
Daniel Freel, preparing fuel,	12 28
Alexander Downey, care of house,	7 50
“ “ “ “	7 50
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	23 75
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	\$373 03

Iron Works School.

Mary Ginn, teaching 20 weeks, <i>a</i> \$11,	\$220 00
S. A. Childs, teaching 10 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	90 00
S. A. Childs, teaching 19 4-5 weeks, <i>a</i> \$11,	217 80
Annie L. Bumpus, teaching 40 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	360 00
Nellie Nightingale, teaching 10 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	90 00
Alice M. Mason, teaching 20 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	180 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	70 25
A. H. Mason, care of house,	46 97
Charles O. Allen, care of house,	10 50
Anna Chase, cleaning house,	12 85
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	\$1,298 37

South-East School.

Alice M. Mason, teaching 20 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	\$180 00
Ellen L. Wallace, teaching 20 weeks, <i>a</i> \$8,	160 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	24 00
Du Pont Wild, care of house,	14 00
Joseph Penniman, granular fuel,	1 60
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	\$379 60

South-West School.

Helen A. Williams, teaching 40 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	\$360 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	23 50
H. Almon Jones, care of house,	7 50
William Reed, fuel,	3 75
Morrill Williams, cutting wood, etc.,	2 50
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	\$397 25

East School.

Victoria P. Wilde, teaching 39 3-4 weeks, <i>a</i> \$11.00,	435 60
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	40 00
John Durgan, care of house,	16 75
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	\$492 35

Middle Street School.

Lottie E. Allen, teaching 40 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	\$360 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	24 00
Everett Goodnow, care of house,	16 50
James Munroe, fuel from Almshouse,	3 50
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	\$404 00

West School.

Avis A. Thayer, teaching 40 weeks, <i>a</i> \$9,	\$360 00
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	24 00
Elisha Savil, care of house,	17 50
Mrs. Hayden, washing house,	1 00
James Munroe, wood from Almshouse,	4 00
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	\$406 50

Incidental Expenses of Schools.

J. H. Mellus, shavings for school houses,	\$1 80
A. Billings, labor in High School room,	1 00
J. L. Hammatt, merchandise, 1873-74,	48 11
J. H. Sumner, horse hire,	3 00
Joanna W. Penniman, globe,	3 00
Benjamin Stevens, labor High School,	1 00
Francis Ambler, erasers for East School,	1 52
C. F. & J. W. Pierce, pipe, etc., for High School,	9 65
“ “ “ “ Pond “	14 75
“ “ “ “ South-West School,	4 00
C. G. Esterbrooks, printing for High School,	4 00
Thomas J. McCormic, erasers,	3 64
C. E. Stetson, cash paid for printing, High School,	11 50
P. D. Holbrook & Co., sundries for “	2 33
“ “ crayons, etc., for Pond School,	26 03
“ “ “ “ South “	2 26
“ “ “ “ South-West School,	1 30
“ “ “ “ Middle Street “	45

Elias Hayward,	" " West School,	6 04
" " supplies, High School,		10 90
" " " East "		90
" " " Middle Street School,		4 11
" " " Union "		6 51
" " " Iron Works "		3 99
" " " South-West "		77
" " " South "		1 92
" " " Pond "		7 32
" " " South-East "		4 36
" " " East "		72
" " books for poor children,		16 88
Proctor Brothers, supplies for Middle Street, West, and Union Schools,		7 85
T. H. Deering, supplies for Union School,		9 00
S. W. Pratt, repairs on stoves, East "		11 95
" " " Union "		6 83
" " " Iron Works School,		4 73
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		\$244 12

Expended on School Houses,

BY ORDER OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

John Hayward, labor on High School room,	\$3 68
A. F. Hanaford, repairs on Middle Street School house,	6 60
Daniel Potter, " " Pond School,	2 25
A. F. Hanaford, " " Union "	31 39
J. L. Hammatt, merchandise,	
Joseph H. Thayer, painting Pond School house,	13 50
E. R. Flint, fence, " "	40 87
" " repairs on High "	3 75
Henry Dunton, " " Iron Works "	3 53
Thomas Penniman, labor, South-West "	9 80
Thomas Hill, Union District, labor,	80 60
James Edmonds & Co., Union District, drain-pipe,	31 50
Woodsum's Express, carting drain-pipe,	3 00
Benjamin J. Loring, Jr., repairs, Iron Works School house,	19 14
A. F. Hanaford, " Middle Street "	18 87
Josiah Penniman, labor, Union School house,	16 70
John Watt, oil and labor, East "	2 38
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber, South-East School house,	39 03
B. J. Loring, Jr., labor and material, South-East School house,	12 90
H. A. Berry, work and material, Union School house,	4 78
Morss & Whyte, repairs on Iron Works "	2 44

Noah Torrey, labor on Pond School house,	3 33
T. B. Stoddard, repairs on High "	2 00
" " " " South "	2 87
" " " " Pond "	50
G. D. Whitaker, " " Middle Street School house,	1 87
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	\$357 28

Highway Surveyor's Account.

Samuel S. French, surveyor, 11 days, <i>a</i> \$3,	\$33 00
" " " 58½ " <i>a</i> \$2.50,	146 25
" " horse and cart, 9 days, <i>a</i> \$1.75,	15 75
" " painting cart,	1 50
" " one horse, 53 days, <i>a</i> \$1.50	79 50
" " carts, 7½ days, <i>a</i> 25c.,	1 88
" " horse and cart, 4 days, <i>a</i> \$1.75,	7 00
" " hay,	26 07
" " cash paid for scraper,	49 29
" " " " use of tools,	15 00
" " " " lot of plank,	3 25
" " " " one horse, 7 days, <i>a</i> 1.50,	10 50
" " " " " and cart, 1 day,	1 75
H. M. White, hoe and nails,	1 04
Wm. R. Wild, one day's work, <i>a</i> \$2,	2 00
Wm. H. Saunders, 4 days work, <i>a</i> 75c.,	3 00
Constant S. Chandler, 2½ days work, <i>a</i> \$1.60,	4 00
Henry H. Thayer, blacksmith work,	2 23
J. A. Arnold, gravel, 25 loads, <i>a</i> 20c.,	5 00
Thomas Finnigan, 1 day's work, <i>a</i> \$1,	1 00
Michael King, 20 4-10 day's work, <i>a</i> \$1.75,	35 70
Jeremiah Laughlin, 8 days work, <i>a</i> \$1.50,	12 00
R. D. Hobart, gravel, 105 loads, <i>a</i> 15c.,	15 75
James M. Cutting, use of tools,	50
John Gibson, 20 3-10 days work, <i>a</i> \$1.75,	35 52
Edward F. French, 37 " <i>a</i> \$2,	74 00
James E. Wheeler, 62 1-20 days work, <i>a</i> \$2,	124 10
John McMannus, 25 days work, <i>a</i> \$2,	50 00
" " 13 " <i>a</i> \$1.75,	22 75
Patrick F. Maguire, 13 " <i>a</i> \$1.75,	22 75
P. D. Holbrook & Co., spikes,	28
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber,	74 60
Whitney & Nash, powder and fuse,	2 80
Wild & Shay, blacksmith work,	7 99
George A. French, 17½ days work, <i>a</i> \$2,	35 00

Patrick Powers, blacksmith work,	92
Adam Hobart, 3 1-8 days work, <i>a</i> \$2,	6 25
James Munroe, 1 days work, <i>a</i> \$2,	2 00
S. S. B. French, 28 " " <i>a</i> \$2,	56 00
Charles E. Minchin, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ days work, <i>a</i> \$2,	3 50
Wild & Shay, blacksmith work,	80
S. S. B. French, one horse,	60 00
L. W. Hobart & Son, grain,	23 56
N. H. Hunt, gravel, 24 loads, <i>a</i> 10c.,	2 40
Ames Plough Co., two iron rakes,	1 66
Patrick Moils, horse, cart, and man, 3 days, <i>a</i> \$3.75,	11 25
R. D. Hobart, gravel, 100 loads, <i>a</i> 15c.,	15 00
James M. Cutting, gravel, 20 loads, <i>a</i> 8c.,	1 60
Moses Hunt, man, horse, and cart, 2 days, <i>a</i> \$3.75,	7 50
G. H. Saunders, labor, 5 days, <i>a</i> \$1.75,	8 75
S. S. B. French, " $\frac{3}{8}$ day,	75
" " " man and horse, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, <i>a</i> \$3.50,	26 25
" " " man, horse, and cart, 2 days, <i>a</i> \$3.75,	7 50
E. F. French, " 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, <i>a</i> \$2,	15 00
Edward Hobart, stone,	50
Charles A. Hobart, labor, 3 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	6 00
Elish Wild, blacksmith work,	6 13
John Hancock Thayer, gravel, 23 loads, <i>a</i> 20c.,	4 60
Waldo French, horse, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 00
Adam Hobart, labor, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, <i>a</i> \$2,	9 00
" " use of tools,	1 50
William Hoffman, labor, 1 day, <i>a</i> \$2,	2 00
Thomas Killan, " 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, <i>a</i> \$1.75,	18 38
John McMannus, " 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, <i>a</i> \$1.75,	11 38
Martin Eagan, labor, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, <i>a</i> \$1.75,	7 88
Charles F. Saunders, labor, 7 days, <i>a</i> \$1.75,	12 25
Michael Brandley, surveyor, man, horse, and cart, 110 days, <i>a</i> \$3.75,	412 50
Michael Brandley, 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, <i>a</i> \$2.50,	113 74
William Greeley, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ days labor, <i>a</i> \$1.75,	17 02
N. H. Hunt, gravel, 157 loads, 10c.,	15 70
Amasa Thayer, gravel, 180 loads, <i>a</i> 10c.,	18 00
Wm. R. Penniman, gravel, 7 loads,	1 00
Ira Thayer, gravel, 90 loads, <i>a</i> 10c.,	9 00
Ira Thayer, posts,	2 00
E. A. Hollingsworth, bush scythe,	2 00
Wild & Shay, blacksmith work,	2 74
Michael Brandley, drain-stone,	4 00
Wm. C. Stoddard, team work,	1 88
Henry H. Thayer, blacksmith work,	2 70

Benjamin Landers, drain-stone,	1 50
Benjamin Landers, labor, 35½ days, a \$2,	71 00
George E. Arnold, labor, 40¼ days, a \$1.75,	70 44
Peter O'Rourke, labor, 3 1-4 days, a -1.75,	5 68
“ “ “ 6 3-4 “ a \$2,	13 50
Patrick O'Rourke, labor, 8 days, a \$1.75,	14 00
Gardner U. Mansfield, labor, 15¼ days, a \$1.75,	26 69
Ben. C. Bannon, labor, 3 days, a \$1.75,	5 25
Martin Eagan, labor, 7 days, a \$1.75,	12 25
Robert Saunders, labor, 36 days, a \$2.00,	72 00
Munroe Dyer, labor, 28¼ days, a \$1.75,	49 44
Martin Shay, labor, 16¾ days, a \$1.75,	29 31
Charles Saunders, labor, 3 days, a \$1.75,	5 25
James Finnegan, labor, 1 day, a \$1.75,	1 75
Henry M. White, tools and lanterns,	3 45
Thomas Penniman, gravel, 5 loads, a 10c.	50
Silas Jones, gravel, 4 loads, a 10c.	40
Azel French, gravel, 40 loads, a 15c.	6 00
Melvin Thayer, labor,	3 00
C. S. Holbrook, powder,	50
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber,	2 00
Henry Maginnis, labor, 10½ days, a \$1.75,	18 37
John Conley, labor, 7¾ days, a \$1.75,	13 60
George E. Arnold, labor, 3 days, a \$1.75,	5 25
Thomas Slavin, labor, 2 days, a \$1.75,	3 50
William R. Penniman, drain-pipe,	20 00
Thomas Hill, surveyor, labor, 57 days, a \$2.50,	142 50
Thomas Hill and team, 27 days, a \$4.50,	121 50
Josiah Holbrook, labor, 11½ days, a \$2,	23 00
John H. Minchin, team and labor, 8½ days, a \$4,	34 00
Samuel Hill, team and labor, 7½ days, a \$4,	30 00
Samuel Hill, labor, 2 days, a \$2,	4 00
Caleb Hollis, man, horse and cart, 1 day,	4 00
George Hill, man, horse and cart, 24¾ days, a \$4,	99 00
George Hill, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Patrick Riley, labor, 6½ days, a \$2,	13 00
John Flood, labor, 2 days, a \$2,	4 00
William Hill, man, horse and cart, 3½ days, a \$4,	14 00
John Desmond, labor, 12 days, a \$2,	24 00
Alvah Butler, labor, 5½ days, a \$2,	11 00
John Maher, labor, 9½ days, a \$2,	19 00
William Mulligan, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Timothy Gallivan, labor, ¾ day,	1 50
John Hill, man, horse and cart, 53¼ days, a \$4,	213 00
G. D. Whitaker, labor, 12¼ days, a \$2,	24 50

Thomas Arthurs, labor, 30¼ days, a \$2,	60 50
George W. Hill, labor, 19¼ days, a \$2,	38 50
George W. Hill, man, horse and cart, 32½ days, a \$4,	130 00
S. W. Hollis, gravel, 752 loads, a 10c.	75 20
L. Lynch, repairing tools,	2 70
B. L. Morrison, gravel, 159 loads, a 12½c.	19 87
S. W. Hollis, gravel, 397 loads, a 10c.	39 70
George W. Collins, gravel, 34 loads, a 10c.	3 40
James Dunbar, blacksmith work,	3 80
E. R. Waterman, man, horse and cart, 18¼ days, a \$4,	73 00
O. C. R. R., gravel, 100 car loads, a \$2,	200 00
Thomas Hill, labor, 2¾ days, with team, a \$4,	11 00
E. R. Waterman, surveyor, labor, 45½ days, a \$2.50,	111 00
E. R. Waterman, team, 77 days, a \$2,	154 00
Joshua Pratt, labor, 26 days, a \$2,	52 00
John Flood, labor, 27½ days, a \$2,	55 00
William Kiley, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Andrew Gott, labor, 38 days, a \$2,	76 00
William Mills, labor, 9¼ days, a \$2,	18 50
William Mills, horse and cart, 7½ days, a \$2,	15 00
Thomas McCormac, labor, 48 days, a \$2,	96 00
James McKenney, labor, 10 days, a \$2,	20 00
James Penpraise, labor, 6 days, a \$2,	12 00
T. Hill, labor, 1 day,	2 00
T. Hill, man, horse and cart, 15 days, a \$4,	60 00
F. McDonnell, labor, 5½ days, a \$2,	11 00
Mawrie Clary, labor, 5 days, a \$2,	10 00
M. Bentley, labor, 8 days, a \$2,	16 00
Robert Dickey, labor, 6 days, a \$2,	12 00
Royal T. King, labor, 10 days, a \$2,	20 00
John McMahan, labor, 7 days, a \$2,	14 00
M. Whearty, man, horse and cart, 1 day,	4 00
— Dorety, labor, ½ day,	1 50
O. C. R. R. gravel, 32 cars, a \$2,	64 00
J. B. Allen, 27 posts, a 30c.	8 10
J. B. Rhines, lumber,	3 36
E. R. Waterman, tools,	4 00
Caleb Stetson, gravel, 99 loads, a 10c.	9 90
W. Mitchell, gravel, 12 loads, a 25c.	3 00
H. P. Smyth, gravel, 321 loads, a 15c.	48 15
E. R. Waterman, labor on drawbridge,	
R. Gillespie, blacksmith work,	20 29
E. R. Waterman, labor, 29 days, a \$2.50,	72 50
E. R. Waterman, team, 44½ days, a \$2,	89 00
J. Pratt, labor, 22½ days, a \$2,	44 67

T. McCormick, labor, 4½ days, a \$2,	9 00
A. Gott, labor, 26⅓ days, a \$2,	52 67
J. McMahon, labor, 1 day,	2 00
T. Griffin, labor, 4½ days, a \$2,	9 00
M. Bentley, labor, 1 day,	2 00
George Hill, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Sam. Hollis, labor, 1 day,	2 00
F. McDonnell, labor, 7½ days, a \$2,	15 00
Thomas Hill, labor, 2⅓ days, a \$2,	4 67
Thomas Hill, team, 3 days, a \$2,	6 00
E. R. Waterman, carting stone, 3 days, a \$6,	18 00
S. W. Gutterson, concrete gutters,	21 50
B. L. Morrison, gravel, 57 loads, a 12c.	6 84
Caleb Stetson, gravel, 53 loads, a 10c.	5 30
Elihu Alden, stone work,	1 75
Alden Bowditch, stone and work,	21 38
J. B. Rhines, lumber and nails,	1 65
R. Gillespie, iron work,	1 40
J. Ratcliffe, labor, 1¾ days,	3 50
J. Dismall, labor, 1¾ days,	3 50
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	\$5,085 52

CREDIT.

By Cash paid Treasurer for 1 horse.	\$50 00
" " " " " stone,	1 00
" " " " " use of cart,	18 25
" " " " " stone,	8 00
" " " " " old plank,	4 00
" " " " " use of cart,	17 00
" " " " " old tire,	75
" Road scraper,	40 00
" Lot of new plank on hand,	8 00
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Amount of credits,	\$147 00
Total cost of highways,	\$4,938 52

Snow Bills.

John H. Minchin, removing snow,	\$1 75
N. M. Hobart, " "	26 00
Frank Whitmarsh, " "	75
John Desmond, " "	5 62
Moses Dyer, " "	7 00
Amasa J. Dyer, " "	2 25
Thomas Arthur, " "	2 75

William Mulligan, removing snow,	1 41	
Wm. S. Pierce, " "	2 00	
John Carver, " "	5 30	
George H. Arnold, " "	8 00	
J. W. Dorety, " "	2 43	
Wm. Kiley, " "	2 00	
L. W. Collins, " "	19 37	
Thomas McCormick, " "	2 00	
Thomas Missett, " "	1 75	
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Repairs on Commercial Street Bridge.

Henry Hobart, labor, use of tools and derrick, at \$5 per day, 15 days,	\$75 00	
Elihu Alden, labor, 10¼ days, a \$3,	30 75	
William Allen, labor, 11 days, a \$3,	33 00	
J. B. Allen, labor, 22½ days, a \$3,	67 50	
J. B. Allen, team, 8½ days, a \$10,	85 00	
J. B. Allen, use of derrick 11 days,	11 00	
J. B. Allen, horse and cart 11 days, a \$2,	22 00	
J. B. Allen, one covering stone,	5 00	
Alden Bowditch, stone,	45 50	
Hector Murray, stone,	42 00	
Thomas McCormick, labor, 30½ days, a \$2,	41 00	
Frank McCormick, labor, 6 days, a \$2,	12 00	
Patrick Coffinelly, labor, 2½ days, a \$2,	5 00	
A. J. Bates & Co., lanterns, &c.	1 94	
Jeremiah Haley, labor, 1½ days, a \$2,	3 00	
Patrick Sullivan, labor, 6 days, a \$2,	12 00	
Timothy Keefe, labor, ½ day,	75	
John Sullivan, labor, 6 days, a \$2,	12 00	
Hugh Rafferty, labor, 5½ days, a \$2,	11 00	
William Mills, labor, 9 days, a \$1.75,	15 75	
William Mills, 18 days, man, horse and cart, a \$4,	72 00	
William Mills, furnishing lights 25 nights,	2 25	
Patrick Sullivan, furnishing lights 25 nights,	2 25	
Patrick Sullivan, labor, 17 days, a \$2,	34 00	
E. R. Waterman, man, horse and cart, 6 days, a 4,	24 00	
Thomas Griffin, labor, 4 days, a \$2,	8 00	
Luther Thayer, labor, 3 days, a \$2,	6 00	
Robert Gillespie, blacksmith work,	3 95	
Thomas South, blacksmith work,	80	
B. J. Loring, Jr., labor and material, railing,	9 25	
Gardner Brothers, lumber for railing,	18 50	
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River Street Bridge.

J. B. Allen, contract,	\$190 00	
Thomas Hill, labor and material for railing,	14 11	
	<hr/>	\$204 11

Central Avenue.

N. M. Hobart & Co., contract,	\$650 00	
William Mulcahy, land damages,	30 00	
R. D. Hobart, surveying,	11 50	
G. A. Thayer, land damages,	10 00	
Asa French, Trustee of Public Library, for land damages,	50 00	
R. D. Hobart, surveying and gravel,	13 30	
Thomas Huston, contract,	145 00	
Thomas Huston, extra labor,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$929 80

Elm Street.

South Boston Iron Co. drain-pipe,	\$12 99	
John H. Minchin, carting gravel, 89 loads, <i>a</i> 40c.	35 60	
Thomas Hill, " " 164 loads, <i>a</i> 40c.	65 60	
Patrick Moils, " " 50 loads, <i>a</i> 40c.	20 00	
T. E. Sullivan, " " 39 loads, <i>a</i> 40c.	15 60	
Caleb Hollis, " " 201 loads, <i>a</i> 40c.	80 40	
G. A. Hill, " " 102 loads, <i>a</i> 40c.	40 80	
S. W. Hollis, " " 94 loads, <i>a</i> 40c.	37 60	
Caleb S. Hollis, " " 45 loads, <i>a</i> 40c.	18 00	
Thomas Hill, labor, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, <i>a</i> \$2,	35 50	
Josiah Holbrook, labor, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, <i>a</i> \$2,	29 00	
Caleb Hollis, man,	2 00	
John Desmond, labor, 2 days, <i>a</i> \$2,	4 00	
Thomas Arthur, labor, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, <i>a</i> \$2,	7 00	
James Munroe, horse and cart, 23 days, <i>a</i> \$4,	92 00	
S. W. Hollis, gravel, 1,014 loads,	101 40	
S. W. Hollis, supervision of the work,	251 00	
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Drawbridge.

Jesse Burrel, Superintendent,	\$100 00	
Thomas South, iron work,	7 78	
E. R. Waterman, labor,	7 50	
S. F. Whitmarsh, labor,	9 25	
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Town Street.

Silas Jones, gravel,	\$2 30	
James Munroe, labor,	14 00	
		<hr/> \$16 30

Almshouse.

Appraisal Feb. 1, 1874	\$1,624 50	
F. B. Parks, tinware,	95	
Nathaniel Fuller, Superintendent,	58 33	
F. A. Hobart and R. Porter, wood,	20 00	
A. Allen, expenses to Uxbridge	5 80	
A. Allen, expenses to Jamaica Plain and Revere, and horse hire,	3 00	
Edward Hobart, one cow,	64 00	
James Munroe, Superintendent,	306 67	
G. C. Hallenbeck, undertaker, Wm. Thayer.	28 50	
Simon Fraser, labor on salt marsh,	26 00	
C. S. Williams, dry goods,	13 70	
James Griffin, labor,	10 00	
Henry H. Thayer, blacksmith work,	25 85	
Howe Brothers, supplies,	2 31	
Silas Jones, supplies,	13 75	
W. A. Hodges, supplies,	4 50	
Churchill & Co., blankets,	9 60	
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries,	111 04	
H. M. White, groceries,	89 25	
Proctor Brothers, groceries,	74 02	
N. Rosenfeld, dry goods,	15 03	
L. W. Hobart & Son, grain,	177 75	
Peter W. Dyer, supplies,	17 47	
W. A. Hodges, supplies,	3 76	
Warren M. Babbitt, wood,	19 00	
F. B. Parks, tinware,	2 30	
George W. White, rent of pasture,	10 00	
J. S. Hollis, meat,	53 71	
J. F. Sheppard, coal,	23 37	
James Munroe, cash paid sundry bills,	46 26	
P. D. Holbrook & Co., groceries,	12 44	
Proctor Brothers, groceries,	17 38	
Josephus Sampson, meat,	18 86	
Henry Mann, meat,	51 25	
Henry M. White, groceries,	9 76	
Joseph Dyer, Jr., rent of farm,	200 00	
Joseph Dyer, Jr., wood (School Fund),	12 50	

N. Rosenfeld, dry goods,	10 35
J. R. Frasier, services as overseer,	18 00
J. R. Frasier, expenses to Brockton, Taunton, Chelsea,	6 33
S. W. Hollis, services as overseer,	18 00
S. W. Hollis, expenses to Charlestown, Cambridge and Revere,	3 50
A. Allen, services as Overseer,	12 00
L. W. Hobart & Son, grain,	42 50
	<hr/> \$3,293 29

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By labor of James Munroe, on Town Street,	14 00
By labor of James Munroe, 2 teams, on Elm Street,	92 00
By Cash of N. Fuller, from sundry persons,	9 75
" " P. D. Holbrook, for produce,	29 40
" " Edward Sullivan, for wood,	2 00
" " W. A. Hodges, for eggs,	2 86
" " J. R. Frasier, for eggs and milk,	4 40
" " H. M. White, produce,	8 70
" " Mr. Hayden, potatoes,	1 10
" " S. S. French, labor,	2 00
" " Patrick Maguire, milk,	3 00
" " Wm. P. Bird, fowls,	7 92
" " Horace Jones, milk,	4 00
" " Henry Mann, calf,	15 80
" " J. B. Woods, milk,	10 00
" " Sundry persons, produce,	8 12
" " J. F. Sheppard, wood,	23 37
" " J. S. Hollis, cow,	52 00
" " For old iron,	61
" " J. R. Frasier, potatoes,	1 10
" " S. W. Hollis, hay,	13 86
" " Horace Faxon, hay,	5 63
By labor of James Munroe on town lands,	16 00
By labor of James Munroe on highways,	7 50
By cash, West District, wood,	4 00
By labor of James Munroe, digging graves,	5 00
By labor of James Munroe on town lands,	8 00
By cash, wood to Middle Street District,	3 50
By cash, wood to Mrs. Savil,	2 00
	<hr/> 357 62
Appraisal Feb. 1, 1875,	1,884 85
	<hr/> 2,242 47
Cost of poor in Almshouse,	\$1,050 82

Inmates of Almshouse.

	Age.	Days.
William H. Thayer,	77	201
Isaac Wild,	58	365
George W. Hall,	48	365
Mary A. Littlefield,	57	365
Maria J. Holbrook,	71	365
George W. Welsh,	10	158
Mary E. Welsh,	8	280
Sarah A. Welsh,	7	280
Lizzie Welsh,	4	280
Bridget Welsh,	49	9
William Wild,	59	159
William Sanderson,	80	63
345 vagrants,		345
Total number of days,		3,235
Total number of weeks,		462 1-7
Cost of poor, each, per week,		\$2.27 1-5

Poor out of the Almshouse.

Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of Wm. Wild, . . .	\$134 75
" " " " Jacob Veazie, . . .	237 00
" " " " Charles E. Thayer, . . .	202 15
" " " " William Kincaide, . . .	186 90
Northampton Hospital for the Insane, board of Mary Goodman,	192 90
E. S. Belcher, care of Mrs. Thayer,	156 00
City of Boston, supplies to Alex. B. Shaw,	52 15
G. C. Hallenbeck, undertaker, Mrs. Ely,	25 00
G. C. Hallenbeck, undertaker, Eugene Langley, . . .	22 00
J. Loud & Co., coal to Jane Smith,	4 90
J. F. Sheppard, coal to Mrs. Howard,	43 46
J. F. Sheppard, coal to Jane Smith,	14 70
T. B. Vinton, rent to William Mulligan, 1873, . . .	4 00
H. M. White, supplies to Betsey Wild,	44 15
Joseph Huff, wood to Betsey Wild,	25 50
H. M. White, supplies to Mrs. Savil,	53 18
Proctor Brothers, supplies to J. W. Leonard,	8 00
Proctor Brothers, supplies to Wm. Mulligan,	9 00
William McEwan, supplies to Mrs. Conley,	3 07
City of Worcester, support of Fenton Murphy,	167 51
City of Worcester, support of Mrs. C. F. Dyer, . . .	2 80

House of Correction, Middlesex County, support of	
George N. Thayer,	26 14
A. J. Bates & Co., supplies to Mrs. Howard,	16 50
A. J. Bates & Co., supplies to Jane Smith,	36 00
A. J. Bates & Co., supplies to Michael O. Hare,	12 00
A. J. Bates & Co., supplies to Tristram Dalton,	6 00
A. J. Bates & Co., supplies to Mrs. Warren Dalton,	52 00
J. T. Sheppard, coal for Tristram Dalton,	6 65
J. T. Sheppard, coal for Michael O. Hare,	13 68
J. T. Sheppard, coal for Thomas J. Dalton,	4 50
P. D. Holbrook & Co., supplies to Mrs Ely,	1 90
Elias Haywood, medicine to Mrs. Ely,	60
H. M. White, supplies to Aaron Leavitt,	5 00
G. A. Bowditch, supplies to Tristram Dalton,	3 63
Noah Torrey, medicine and attendance, sundry persons,	12 75
Proctor Brothers, supplies to William Mulligan,	3 75
City of Boston, supplies to John Hanlon,	20 94
City of Boston, supplies to John Hanlon's child,	4 12
City of Boston, supplies to Rachel Nash,	17 75
City of Boston, supplies to Anna Wilder,	15 00
H. M. White, supplies to Thomas Gannon,	8 00
H. M. White, supplies to travellers,	22
James Munroe (Almshouse), wood, Mrs. Savil,	2 00
James Monroe, digging graves,	5 00
J. R. Frasier, wood to Mrs. Savil,	13 00
J. R. Frasier, wood to Gardner W. Mansfield,	3 00
J. R. Frasier, cash paid and supplies furnished tramps,	2 50
J. R. Frasier, expense to Taunton, removing William Wild to Almshouse,	3 60
J. R. Frasier, services as Overseer,	20 00
S. W. Hollis, services of Overseer,	25 00
S. W. Hollis, expense to Tewksbury, removing pauper to State Almshouse,	4 05
S. W. Hollis, expenses to Worcester, care of Fenton Murphy and others,	3 50
S. W. Hollis, expenses to Hyde Park, Randolph and Roxbury,	3 50
S. W. Hollis, expenses to Framingham, removing pauper,	3 75
A. Allen, services as Overseer,	15 00
H. M. White, supplies to Mrs. Ely,	23 96
H. M. White, supplies to Gardner W. Mansfield,	3 12
P. D. Holbrook, supplies to Betsey Wild,	4 99
S. W. Hollis, use of team,	10 00
T. H. Deering, surgical operation, &c., on the Mulligan boy,	20 00

Town of Quincy, supplies to John Brooks,	\$5 13	
Town of Quincy, burial of H. M. Thayer,	24 00	
Town of Quincy, medical attendance, Mr. Thayer,	8 00	
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Due from town of Randolph,	\$ 64 96	
Due from town of Sherborn,	8 00	
Due from State,	8 00	
		<hr/> \$80 96
Total cost of poor out of Almshouse,		\$1978 39

Taunton Lunatic Hospital.

Cash paid for board of insane persons,	\$407 52
Refunded by friends (see Treasurer's account).	

State Aid Account.

Cash paid families of soldiers,	\$1356 00	
Bill due from State, Jan. 1, 1874,	108 75	
		<hr/> \$1464 75
Bill sent and due from State, Jan. 1, 1875,	1349 25	
Cash paid Jan. 1, 1875,	115 50	
		<hr/> \$1464 75

Abatement of Taxes.

J. Dyer, Jr., tax of George Beal, 1872,	\$ 66
James Wilson,	8 20
Jonathan W. Wales,	2 00
William F. Fernald,	8 20
Ruth T. Hobart,	8 20
John Hancock Thayer,	14 76
Heirs of Titus Thayer,	8 20
Heirs of Alvan Snell,	3 54
Ephraim B. Thayer,	2 00
W. H. Foss,	8 20
Ezra H. Waite,	4 92
Sumner W. Arnold,	82
Henry Abbot,	9 84
Dorcas Penniman,	8 20
Norton Pratt,	7 38
	<hr/> \$95 12

Soldiers' Monument.

F. A. Hobart, Treasurer of Committee,	\$ 628 07
F. A. Hobart, Treasurer of Committee,	500 00
F. A. Hobart, Treasurer of Committee,	2500 00
F. A. Hobart, Treasurer Legacy of H. White,	500 00
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	\$4128 07

Grand Army of the Republic.

M. A. Perkins, Q. M. Appropriation,	\$150 00
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Fire Department.

Boston Journal and Herald, advertising,	\$8 12
A. T. Pratt, services and expenses as Engineer,	6 00
Francis Ambler, alcohol, &c.,	5 50
A. F. Trufant, Badges for Engineers,	15 00
Henry Gardner, services and expenses as Committee, .	30 00
A. Allen, services and expenses as Committee,	7 12
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	\$71 74

Improvement of Fences around Town Land.

Michael King, labor,	\$2 00
T. B. Stoddard, painting,	105 35
E. R. Flint, repairing fence,	36 48
Brewster & Tupper, repairing fence,	67 97
S. S. French, labor, man and team,	14 23
James Munroe, labor,	24 00
J. R. Frasier, labor,	4 50
John Stoddard,	4 00
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	\$258 53

East Braintree Fire District.

C. Harrison Hobart,	\$93 44
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Public Library.

N. F. T. Hayden, Treasurer of Trustees,	\$350 00
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Sewer and Improvement on Town Land.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

BRAINTREE, January 1, 1875.

The undersigned Committee, chosen at the last annual meeting of the Town, to take charge of certain improvements to the Town land, and to

construct a sewer to drain the Town House cellar and land adjoining, respectfully report that they have performed the duty assigned them, so far as the same could be done within the appropriation made therefor, and herewith submit a detailed account of the expenses incurred in said work.

Cash paid Jechonias Penniman for labor and material in constructing sewer,	\$871 10	
Cash paid R. D. Hobart, for plans and superintendence,	52 00	
Cash paid B. Bannom, labor,	48 00	
Cash paid C. A. Arnold, labor,	74 70	
Cash paid Thomas Huston, labor,	24 00	
Cash paid J. McGlinicy, labor,	26 00	
Cash paid N. M. Hobart, labor,	34 00	
Cash paid H. A. Pierce, labor,	23 87	
Cash paid Patrick Maguire, labor,	10 00	
Cash paid I. P. Fuller, labor,	5 80	
Cash paid Benjamin Stevens, labor,	62 37	
Cash paid Thomas Killian, labor,	16 00	
Cash paid Michael Dowlas, labor,	7 00	
Cash paid Joseph Jenkins, labor,	8 00	
Cash paid Owen Wynne, labor,	22 00	
Cash paid P. D. Holbrook & Co., material,	2 50	
Cash paid Moses Hunt, labor,	13 60	
Cash paid P. Powers, labor,	75	
		\$1301 69
Amount of Appropriation,	\$1300 00	
Cash contributed,	1 69	
		\$1301 69

ASA FRENCH,	} Committee.
R. PORTER,	
ROBERT D. HOBART,	
JECHONIAS PENNIMAN,	
THOS. B. STODDARD,	

Town Hall.

Charles David, care of Hall,	\$175 00
Charles David, cash paid for washing Hall,	52 50
E. R. Flint, repairs on outbuilding,	14 50
F. B. Parks, lamps, chimneys, &c.,	12 55
F. B. Parks, repairs on stoves and supplies,	32 91
Benjamin Stevens, cutting wood and other labor,	19 20
Robert A. Wilson, whitening, &c., in armory,	15 00
T. B. Stoddard, repairs, setting glass, &c.,	11 00
H. M. White, supplies (oil, chimneys, &c.),	23 70
Jechonias Penniman, repairs,	6 50

George M. Brewster, repairs,	\$3 25	
Johonnot & Saunders, hardware,	2 85	
P. D. Holbrook & Co., oil, varnish, putty and glass,	15 53	
H. M. White, supplies (oil, chimneys, &c.),	7 29	
		<hr/> \$391 78

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By cash paid Treasurer,	\$368 00	
By fuel to High School,	8 80	
Due from Braintree Brass Band,	67 25	
		<hr/> \$444 05
Balance in favor of Hall,		\$52 27

Incidental Expenses.

John H. Minchin, distributing reports,	\$5 00
Little, Brown, & Co., Supplement to R. Statutes,	8 10
Isaac W. May, printing Town and School Reports,	186 00
A. Allen, stationery,	1 00
J. R. Frasier, insurance,	10 00
Boston Journal and Herald, advertising,	9 75
David McAuliffe, damages on highway,	300 00
F. B. Parks, repairs on pumps,	4 00
Henry A. Penniman, setting posts,	2 50
Michael Brandley, removing safe for town clerk,	1 50
C. B. Woodsum, collector's book,	2 15
John H. Sumner, horse hire,	15 00
H. A. Merrill, stationery,	2 50
Elihu Alden, digging holes for guide posts,	1 50
C. S. Williams, use of lockup,	3 00
B. J. Loring, Jr., book-case for Selectmen's room,	60 00
William Allen, labor on stone troughs,	10 64
Woodsum's express,	75
J. R. Frasier, insurance,	19 00
T. B. Stoddard, painting and lettering guide-boards,	23 55
T. B. Stoddard, setting guide-boards,	23 13
T. B. Stoddard, horse and wagon,	7 00
E. R. Flint, labor and stock for guide-boards,	21 84
R. D. Hobart, surveying and plans of West Street,	46 00
William F. Dyer, drawing engine,	5 00
Dorchester Insurance Co.,	22 20
Josiah Penniman, painting pumps,	7 25
A. Allen, cash paid for stationery, as per bills,	10 07
G. C. Hallenbeck, returning deaths,	7 75
C. G. Esterbrooks, printing,	13 25
Ralph Houghton, returning deaths,	2 60
John Cronin, horse hire,	5 00

Samuel Curtis, returning deaths,	\$6 75
William P. Bird, damages on highway,	1 25
Caleb Hollis, insurance,	17 50
Elias Hayward, stamps and stationery,	5 08
N. H. Hunt, services as witness, Dedham & Boston, .	6 10
Eben Denton, services as witness, Dedham & Boston, .	6 10
A. Allen, services as witness, Dedham & Boston, . . .	6 10
A. Allen, copying valuation for State,	20 00
F. C. Allen, setting guide-post,	1 00
Asa French, legal service in 1872,	15 00
Asa French, cash paid Clerk of Courts, 1873,	5 40
Asa French, legal services in the case of Boston Flax Mills and others,	125 00
Mrs. M. Elizabeth Green, printing,	7 50
G. D. Willis, recording marriages, births and deaths, .	86 35
S. W. Hollis, fare to Boston three times,	1 50
J. R. Frasier, cash paid for stamps and stationery, . .	1 79
J. R. Frasier, labor, setting guide-posts,	9 00
J. R. Frasier, 16 guide-posts, 50c.,	8 00
Norton Pratt, bush-scythe, 1872,	2 00
Moore & Penney, printing,	6 85
G. H. Arnold, car fare and expenses,	2 40
B. F. Richardson, music stands for Town Hall,	13 50
	————— \$1,191 20

Incidental Expenses Accrued in Former Years.

James H. Dunbar, iron work on guide-boards,	\$10 81
Theodore Walsh, putting up guide-boards,	12 00
John Cavanagh, raising East School-house,	75 00
William C. Stoddard, drawing engine,	5 00
John H. Minchin, lighting River Street,	1 00
Q. S. Reed, stone posts, Allen Street,	3 75
Q. S. Reed, carting posts, Allen Street,	2 00
Edwin G. Bridge, painting guide-boards,	4 64
Jechonias Thayer, land damages, 1870,	200 00
John Jarvis French, posts for highway,	6 00
Joseph Dyer, Jr., collecting tax of 1872,	162 86
Joseph Dyer, Jr., collecting tax of Fire District, . . .	6 02
	————— \$489 08

Committee on Fire Engines and Houses.

Eden Denton, Treasurer, appropriation,	\$8,000 00
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Town Officers.

G. H. Arnold, services as Selectman,	\$63 00
Eben Denton, services as Selectman,	50 50
N. H. Hunt, services as Selectman,	52 50
Thomas Penniman, Constable,	7 80
G. W. White, Auditor, 1873,	8 00
T. B. Stoddard, Constable,	13 50
Horace Faxon, Constable,	17 00
Horace Faxon, Policeman,	50 00
A. Mason, School Committee,	40 00
Noah Torrey, School Committee,	40 00
T. H. Deering, School Committee,	40 00
Daniel Potter, School Committee,	40 00
Daniel Potter, recording, &c.,	10 00
G. Willis, Town Clerk,	35 00
Joseph R. Frasier, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	258 00
Abijah Allen, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	271 00
S. W. Hollis, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	261 00
F. B. Sleeper, School Committee,	18 00
D. H. Bates, Auditor,	12 00
Jonathan French, Treasurer,	130 00
N. L. White, School Committee,	40 00
J. Franklin Bates, Policeman,	48 00
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Assessors' Account.

Schools,	\$7500 00
Highways,	5000 00
Interest on debt,	2500 00
Payment on debt,	2500 00
Town Officers,	1500 00
Miscellaneous	1000 00
Completion of Elm Street,	600 00
Town Land,	500 00
Fire Department,	8000 00
Poor,	2700 00
Janitor,	500 00
Grand Army,	150 00
River and Commercial Street Bridges,	600 00
Soldiers' Monument,	2500 00

For Sewer,	\$800 00
Central Avenue,	1000 00
Library,	350 00
State Tax,	3400 00
County Tax,	3091 54
Overlay,	852 56
	<hr/> \$45,044 10

Appropriations Necessary for the Ensuing Year.

Schools,	\$7500 00
Highways and Bridges,	5000 00
Interest on Town debt,	3000 00
Reduction of Town debt,	2000 00
Town Officers,	1500 00
Incidentals,	1200 00
Poor,	3000 00
Widening and straightening West Street,	2500 00
	<hr/> \$25,700 00

Recapitulation.

High School,	\$2135 60
Union School,	1254 95
Pond School,	1327 20
Iron Works School,	1298 37
South School,	373 03
East School	492 35
South-East School,	379 60
South-West School,	397 25
Middle Street School,	404 00
West School,	406 50
Incidental expenses of Schools,	244 12
Expended on School-houses by order of School Com- mittee,	357 28
Almshouse,	1050 82
Poor out of the Almshouse,	1978 39
Commercial Street Bridge,	712 19
Miscellaneous expenses in former years,	489 08
Abatement of taxes,	95 12
East Braintree Fire District,	93 44
Draw-bridge,	124 53
Sewer and improvement on town lands,	1300 00
Incidental expenses,	1191 20
Surveyors of Highways,	4938 52

Soldiers' Monument,	\$4128 07	
Elm Street,	600 00	
Central Avenue,	929 80	
River Street Bridge,	204 11	
Town Hall,	391 78	
Fire Department,	71 74	
Public Library,	350 00	
Town Street,	16 30	
Fence around town lands,	258 53	
Removing snow,	90 38	
Insane persons,	407 52	
Town Officers,	1505 30	
State Aid,	1356 00	
Appropriation for Fire Department,	8000 00	
Grand Army of the Republic,	150 00	
Cash paid Treasurer and credits,	1438 84	
Appraisal at Almshouse over last year,	260 35	
		\$41,202 26
Less cash, credit from Town Hall,	\$444 05	
Less cash received for support of insane persons,	407 52	
Less cash contributed,	1 69	
		\$853 26
		\$40,349 00
416 orders on Treasurer,		\$40,349 00

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Surveyors of Highways, and find them correct, and all payments sustained by proper vouchers.

J. A. ARNOLD,
EBEN DENTON, } *Auditors.*
BENJ. F. DYER, }

Treasurer's Account.

JONATHAN FRENCH, *Treas.*

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1874,	\$9440 56
Cash received of J. Dyer, Jr., Collector of 1872, in full,	188 97
“ J. Dyer, Jr., Collector of 1873, in full,	4839 00
“ J. Dyer, Jr., Collector of 1874, in full,	40,545 98
“ J. Dyer, Jr., Collector, Fire District	
tax,	9 78

Cash received of return premium on Pond School-

house,	\$27 39
Cash received Ex. of Gen. Thayer's will (borrowed), .	10,000 00
“ “ “ “	2,000 00
“ Weymouth Bank, “	10,000 00
“ Quincy Savings Bank, “	10,000 00
“ F. G. Crosby, “	1,000 00
“ Legacy of Harvey White,	500 00
“ J. White Belcher, Clerk of District Court,	5 00
Cash received of Weymouth Bank (borrowed), . . .	8,000 00
“ State Treasurer, Corp. Tax,	1,043 49
“ “ State Aid,	1,300
“ “ Bank Tax,	2,165 83
“ Town of Sherborn,	11 00
“ Catholic Sabbath School,	37 25
“ State Treasurer, School Fund,	291 76
“ County Treasurer, dog tax refunded,	442 32
“ Treas. of Braintree School Fund,	400 00
“ State Treasurer, Corp. Tax,	6 07
“ Norfolk Mutual Ins. Co., Union Dist.,	30 00
“ Town of Quincy,	31 00
“ Town Hall,	368 00
“ G. A. R.,	23 00
“ Overseers of the Poor (Almshouse),	357 62
“ for support of insane persons,	407 52
“ for four lots in Cemetery,	6 50
“ Surveyors of Highways,	99 00
—————\$103,577 04	

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Paid on 416 orders,	\$40,349 00
“ Mary H. Thayer, on principal of note,	10 00
“ Gen. Sylvanus Thayer, note,	5,000 00
“ M. C. Pratt, “	5,000 00
“ F. G. Crosby, “	500 00
“ Charlotte B. Crosby, “	3 0 00
“ Soldiers' Monument Committee,	1,984 41
“ W. A. Richardson, note,	10,000 00
“ Union National Bank of Weymouth,	18,000 00
“ State Tax,	3,400 00
“ County Tax,	3,091 54
“ Interest,	4,601 98
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1875,	11,340 11
—————\$103,577 04	

BRAINTREE, Feb. 16, 1875.

We hereby certify that we have examined the books and accounts of Jonathan French, Treasurer of the town of Braintree, and find them correctly kept, and the payments duly vouched, and that the foregoing is a true statement of the condition of the treasury to Feb. 1, 1875.

J. A. ARNOLD,
EBEN DENTON, } *Auditors.*
BENJ. F. DYER, }

THE TOWN OWES THE FOLLOWING NOTES AND INTEREST,

FEB. 1, 1875.

Joseph Dyer, Jr., Oct. 28, 1862, at 7 per cent,	\$500 00
Interest,	9 43
Joseph Dyer, Jr., Jan. 26, 1866, at 7 per cent,	250 00
Interest,	25
Joseph Dyer, Jr., Feb. 1, 1871, at 7 per cent,	800 00
Asa French, guardian, Jan. 2, 1869, at 7 per cent,	1400 00
Interest,	7 62
F. G. Crosby, Feb. 1, 1873, at 7 per cent,	4000 00
Mary H. Thayer, Jan. 26, 1863, at 7 per cent,	531 93
Minott E. Hunt, Aug. 13, 1867, at 7 per cent,	450 00
Interest,	46 28
Minott E. Hunt, April 30, 1870, at 7 per cent,	300 00
Interest,	36 75
L. Bradford Hollis, Nov. 24, 1868, at 7 per cent,	500 00
Interest,	6 41
Edwin Howard, June 30, 1871, at 6 1-2 per cent,	900 00
Interest,	34 13
Braintree Savings Bank, June 20, 1871, at 7 per cent,	1500 00
Interest from Jan. 1,	8 75
Trustees estate of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer, Feb. 26, 1873, 6 per ct.,	10,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ March 7, 1874, 6 “	10,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ May 18, 1874,	2,000 00
Quincy Savings Bank, July 28, 1874, at 7 per cent,	10,000 00
Interest to date,	5 83
F. G. Crosby, Aug. 10, 1874, at 7 per cent,	1,000 00
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	\$44,287 38
Due Collector, overpaid on tax bill of 1873,	613 20
“ “ “ “ “ 1874,	2,524 86
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	\$47,425 44

ASSETS OF TOWN.

Balance in treasury,	\$11,340 11
Due from Joseph Dyer, Jr., Collector, on tax bills of 1873,	541 30
“ “ “ “ 1874,	7,286 87
“ Randolph,	64 96
“ Sherborn,	8 00
“ Boston,	25 80
“ State,	59 95
“ State Aid,	1,356 00
“ “ former years,	1,053 65
“ Town Hall,	124 50
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	\$21,861 14
Town debt,	25,564 30
“ last year,	28,882 96

Collector's Account.

JOSEPH DYER, JR., *Collector.*

Feb. 1, 1874, balance due on tax bill of 1873,	\$4490 65
Feb. 1, 1875, sundry items unpaid on said list, as per Collector's book,	541 30
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Amount collected,	\$3949 35
Add interest due the town by the Collector on above, from Dec. 1, 1873, to the average date of his payments on said tax bill, which is June 30, 1874, say 7 months, at 12 per cent per annum,	\$276 45
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Amount collected and interest,	\$4225 80
The Collector has paid the Treasurer, as per his receipts, on account of said tax bill of 1873, average date of payment June 30, 1874,	\$4839 00
Deduct amount due,	\$4225 80
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Amount overpaid by Collector,	\$613 20
Amount of tax bill of 1874,	\$45,044 10
Amount added since commitment,	263 89
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	\$45,307 99
Feb. 1, 1875, sundry items unpaid on said list, as per Collector's book,	\$7,286 87
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Amount collected,	\$38,021 12

The Collector has paid the Treasurer, as per his receipts, on account of said tax bill of 1874, average date of this payment Dec. 2,	
1874,	\$40,545 98
Deduct amount collected,	\$38,021 12
Amount overpaid by Collector,	<u>\$2,524 86</u>

The above account is as accurate as could be made from the Collector's account; the Collector's book shows neither the date of the payment of taxes, nor the amount of interest paid; no separate account of interest has ever been kept. This omission renders it impossible for the Auditors to ascertain the amount of the interest account in detail.

It also appears that the Collector has paid to the town a larger amount than his books show to have been collected.

The Auditor would recommend that the Collector be required to keep a proper account of money received and the date of its payment, and the amount of interest received on each separate tax.

We would also recommend the town to change the present method of choosing a Collector, believing as we do that the best interest of the town would require that the Collector should receive such compensation as would enable him to devote more time to the business.

J. A. ARNOLD,
EBEN DENTON,
BENJ. F. DYER,

Auditors.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF COMMITTEE ON

Soldiers' Monument.

To the Selectmen of Braintree.

Gentlemen,—The Committee of the town to whom was entrusted the duty of erecting a "Soldiers' Monument," having fully completed the work assigned them, respectfully submit the following report, — showing the *receipts* and *expenditures* connected with the same.

RECEIPTS.

Town of Braintree, proceeds of sale of land,	\$628 07
" " appropriation,	2500 00
" " "	500 00
Received from Citizens' Fund, including interest,	2328 21
" Childrens' Entertainment,	100 00
" Legacy Harvey White,	500 00
	<u>\$6556 28</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Paid N. M. Hobart, foundation work,	\$100 00
" Batterson & Canfield, statue,	4562 00
" Jechonias Penniman, edge-stones, &c.,	20 00
" " " additional foundation,	21 80
" F. A. Hobart, cash paid for printing,	14 00
" Expenses of committee and architect,	19 00
" Patrick Moils, labor and gravel,	114 30
" Jonathan French, gravel,	38 75
" Robert Hobart, gravel and labor,	194 67
" N. M. Hobart, loam,	11 00
" Benj. Bannon, labor on grounds,	10 00
" I. P. Fuller, " "	8 00
" J. McGlincey, " "	14 00
" H. K. Loud, " "	5 00
" Thomas Kilian, " "	52 50
" Joseph Jenkins, " "	28 50
" Moses Hunt, " "	50 70
" Patrick Maguire, " "	22 80
" Owen Wynne, " "	102 00
" John Eaton, " "	6 00
" E. M. Thayer, " "	17 00
" John Rennie, " "	8 00
" Henry A. Pierce, work on mound,	33 75
" John Drake, " "	4 50
" Mrs. Samuel Penniman, treasurer,	2 00
" John Wild, pick,	2 00
" E. Chamberlin, photograph of plans,	5 00
" J. B. Woods, bill,	3 00
" Ed. Curtis, express bill,	12 00
" P. D. Holbrook & Co., sundries,	1 32
" Brewster & Tupper, seats for large tent,	30 00
" E. R. Flint, tables and seats for Town Hall,	50 00
" C. E. Reed, caterer,	450 00
" A. Mudge & Son, printing,	39 25
" W. M. French, carriages, &c.,	77 00
" F. A. Hobart, telegrams and postage,	1 95
" R. M. Yale's bill, tents, flags and labor,	100 45
" Otis Cushing, large team,	15 00
" Braintree Brass Band, services,	125 00
" N. P. Banks, orator,	100 00
" Robert D. Hobart, on account,	84 04

 \$6556 28

The appropriations made by the town for the monument amount to \$3,628.07, the balance being raised by voluntary subscriptions from citizens, and by entertainments at Town Hall, &c. Nearly seven hundred dollars (\$700) was expended by the Committee in improvements upon the public grounds. There is a small balance of about \$16.00 due Robert D. Hobart for supervision of the work, and also an unadjusted claim of Messrs. H. & J. E. Billings, architects, which your Committee recommend be paid.

The Committee have made no charge for services.

Very respectfully yours,

F. A. HOBART, *Chairman.*

BRAINTREE, January 27, 1875.

Public Library Report.

BRAINTREE, Feb. 1, 1875.

To the Selectmen.

Gentlemen,—The Trustees of the THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY, of Braintree, respectfully submit, through you, to the town, the following report:—

The Library building was completed during the spring of last year, but on account of the delay incident to procuring books, preparing catalogue, &c., it was not opened to the public until Sept. 1.

The number of books in the Library for general circulation is ten hundred and fifty-three (1053).

This does not include pamphlets and unbound magazines (of which there was quite a collection in Gen. Thayer's private library), nor books in foreign languages, which number over two hundred.

The income from the permanent fund of \$10,000 gives us six hundred dollars a year, the whole of which is to be applied to the purchase of new books and rebinding old ones.

With this and such donations of books as we may reasonably hope to receive, the Library will soon be amply sufficient to supply the wants of our citizens.

The demand for books, thus far, has greatly exceeded our expectations. The steady patrons of the Library, young and old, come from all parts of the town, and their number is constantly increasing.

Five hundred and eighty-seven different persons have availed themselves of the privileges of the Library since it was opened, and have drawn out four thousand three hundred and eighty-nine books.

The influence for good which such an institution must exert in our town cannot be overestimated.

Thus far the Library has been accessible but two afternoons and one evening in each week; but we shall welcome the time when the public voice compels us to keep its doors constantly open.

The Trustees do not feel called upon to ask any appropriation from the town for the purchase of books; but we earnestly solicit donations of books, pamphlets, &c., from all who feel an interest in the Library.

A statement of our receipts and expenditures is hereto appended.

For the salary of the Librarian and incidental expenses for the ensuing year, we respectfully recommend an appropriation of three hundred and fifty dollars.

ASA FRENCH,
F. A. HOBART,
N. F. T. HAYDEN,
HENRY A. JOHNSON,
N. H. HUNT,

Trustees.

BRAINTREE, January 30, 1875.

N. F. T. HAYDEN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES
THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

FUND ACCOUNT.

August 11, 1874, to cash received, interest to August 1, 1874, on fund \$10,000 from Executors of the will of General Thayer, deceased,	\$856 75
December 31, 1874, to cash received, interest on moneys in hands of Treasurer,	12 53
January 11, 1875, to cash received for fines to Jan. 1, 1875, . .	5 14
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	\$874 42

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Sept. 24, 1874, by cash paid Estes & Lauriat, as per voucher,	\$668 27
Sept. 24, 1874, by cash paid music, as per voucher, .	3 50
“ “ F. C. Stromburg, “	4 13
Oct. 14, 1874, “ Burditt & Williams, as per voucher,	1 75
Oct. 16, 1874, by cash paid Curtis' express, as per voucher,	9 45
Oct. 27, 1874, by cash paid A. K. Brown & Co., as per voucher,	130 65

Nov. 12, 1874, by cash paid Estes & Lauriat, as per voucher,	\$19 89	
January 9, 1875, by cash paid freight, as per voucher,	2 19	
January 25, 1875, by cash paid L. B. Wilder & Co., as per voucher,	9 50	
	<hr/>	\$849 33
Balance on hand February 1, 1875,		\$25 09

N. F. T. HAYDEN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES
THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

October 23, 1874, to cash received from Jonathan French, Town Treasurer, being appropriation by the town of Braintree, care and maintenance of Library,	\$350 00
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TOWN ACCOUNT.

Nov. 12, 1874, by cash paid J. L. Whiting, as per voucher,	\$4 50	
Nov. 16, 1874, by cash paid A. French & Co., as per voucher,	46 00	
Dec. 12, 1874, by cash paid Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, as per voucher,	5 50	
Dec. 12, 1874, by cash paid Downer Kerosene Oil Company, as per voucher,	12 20	
Dec. 12, 1874, by cash paid F. A. Hobart, as per voucher,	4 00	
Dec. 21, 1875, by cash paid J. F. Shepard, as per voucher,	42 50	
January 9, 1875, by cash paid Abbie M. Arnold, as per voucher,	104 17	
January 9, 1875, by cash paid F. B. Parks, as per voucher,	7 89	
January 25, 1875, by cash paid Mr. Brewster, as per voucher,	13 50	
January 25, 1875, by cash paid George Mansfield, as per voucher,	7 00	
January 25, 1875, by cash paid J. H. Pray, Sons & Co., as per voucher,	29 00	
January 28, 1875, Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, as per voucher,	2 25	
January 30, 1875, by cash paid Abbie M. Arnold, as per voucher,	20 83	
	<hr/>	\$299 34
Balance on hand February 1, 1875,	\$	50 65

RECAPITULATION.

January 30, 1875, cash received as per statement,	\$874 42
“ “ “ “	350 00
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	\$1224 42
January 30, 1875, cash received as per statement,	\$849 33
“ “ “ “	299 34
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	\$1148 67
Balance on hand in hands of Treasurer,	\$75 75

Partial Report of Committee on Fire Department.

The appropriation of eight thousand dollars (\$8000), made by the town and raised by taxation during the past year, for the purpose of equipping the Fire Department, has been drawn from the treasury, and placed at the disposal of the Committee having that matter in charge. This Committee, not having fully completed their labors, can only make a partial report; but we have their assurance that the appropriation is amply sufficient for the purpose, and that they will be able to report in full to the town at the adjournment of the annual meeting.

A partial report, showing the progress of the work, we submit at this time.

Town of Braintree.

COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

DR.

January 26, 1875, received from Town Treasurer, \$8000 00.
SOUTH.

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January 26, 1875, to Patrick Powers, blacksmith,	\$6 52
“ “ James McDride, labor,	8 75
“ “ Patrick McGuire, labor and stone,	16 57
EAST.	
“ “ Luke Missett, labor,	2 62
“ “ John Rodcliff, “	4 50
“ “ Patrick Sullivan, “	1 75
“ “ Henry Wilson, “	1 75
“ “ Frank McDonald, “	2 62
“ “ Thomas Missett, “	2 62

SOUTH.

January 26, 1875, to N. M. Hobart, stone-work, . . .	118 88
" " M. L. Tupper, " . . .	1400 00
" " City of Boston, " Butcher Boy," . . .	500 00
" " G. H. Arnold, stone-work, . . .	157 73
" " Luther Briggs, plans,	30 00
" " Caleb Stetson, land,	275 00
" " M. L. Tupper,	1000 00
" " Henry A. Hall, buckets,	42 90
" " William Mulcahy, labor,	3 50
" " Wiley Hose Company,	538 90
" " Ross, Pearce & Co., hose,	330 00
" " E. Braintree Fire Dist., for engine,	950 00
" " G. H. Arnold, sundry bills for labor,	\$9 00
" " J. R. Frasier, insurance,	5 50
" " Thomas B. Stoddard, painting engine buckets,	44 20
" " W. R. Penniman, hardware,	20 25
" " H. H. Thayer, smith-work,	5 75
" " F. B. Parks,	74 44
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	\$5553 75.

Braintree School Fund Report.

JOSEPH DYER, JR., *Treasurer.*

Received of S. W. Hollis,	\$179 97
Dividends received from Union Bank, Weymouth,	119 00
" " " Granite Bank, Quincy,	100 00
" " " Eliot Bank, Boston,	24 00
Received from town of Braintree, for wood,	12 50
" for rent of Almshouse and farm,	200 00
Taxes refunded,	45 88
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	\$681 35
Cash paid H. M. White, for nails,	\$10 33
" G. W. White, for shingles,	86 20
" Thomas Penniman, for labor,	42 25
" F. B. Parks, for zinc,	3 68
" Jonathan French, Town Treasurer,	400 00
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1875,	138 89
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	\$681 35

Warrant for Town Meeting.

NORFOLK, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree, Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Braintree, on Monday, the first day of March next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely :—

- 1st. To choose a Moderator, to preside at said meeting.
- 2d. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.
- 3d. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, townways, and bridges the ensuing year.
- 4th. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
- 5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.
- 6th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as the Selectmen may direct.
- 7th. To see if the town will accept the Jury List as made by the Selectmen.
- 8th. To see if the town will vote an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars, and pay the same to the General Sylvanus Thayer Post, Grand Army of the Republic, for the purpose of assisting them in defraying the expenses of memorial services on Decoration Day.
- 9th. To choose two Trustees of the Thayer Free Public Library, to serve for two years.
- 10th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of constructing one or more reservoirs.
- 11th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of widening and straightening of Middle Street, as laid out by the County Commissioners.
- 12th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of widening and straightening West Street, as made by the Selectmen.

13th. To choose and hear the report of any Committee, and act thereon.

You are to give notice of this meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant at the usual public places in town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Braintree, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

J. R. FRASIER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
ABIJAH ALLEN,		} <i>of</i>
S. W. HOLLIS,		

Taxes Unpaid February 1, 1875.

Benj. Arnold, balance due,	\$2 91	William Dickey,	\$2 00
Joseph A. Arnold,	154 11	Robert A. Dickey,	2 00
Charles A. Arnold,	2 00	John Daland,	32 75
George E. Arnold,	2 00	Daniel Dennehey,	11 48
James Ahern,	2 00	Jeremiah Daneahey,	13 48
George E. Allen,	2 00	Charles David,	2 00
George Ayers,	2 00	Tristram Dalton,	2 00
Henry S. Angell,	2 00	T. Horton Dearing, balance,	45 34
Heirs of Jas. Bannon,	10 66	Edward Dowd,	2 00
S. Gardner Buker,	10 61	Edward H. Drinkwater,	2 00
Ebenezer C. Bowditch,	49 56	James Donely,	2 00
James P. Bishop,	20 86	Charles H. Dunbar,	5 28
Wm. A. Bishop,	24 96	Michael Daly,	2 00
Stephen S. Bradford,	34 30	John Daly,	2 00
George R. A. Bestick,	2 00	Augustus Decata,	2 00
Douglas A. Brooks,	54 48	Martin Eagan,	2 00
Nathaniel Bump,	2 00	Benjamin B. French,	58 99
George F. Bicknell,	2 00	James M. French,	2 00
John Brady,	2 00	Adam A. French,	2 00
Joseph Burgess,	2 00	Horatio B. French,	3 64
John E. Boyle,	2 00	Charles A. French,	2 00
James M. Bryant,	2 00	Hiram A. French,	72 11
Frederic Brooks,	2 00	Charles C. Fogg,	20 45
Andrew J. Burbank,	2 00	Rebecca Fogg,	18 45
Joseph Bates,	24 60	Henry A. Hayden,	2 00
Burnham & Tracy,	16 87	Isaac P. Fuller,	20 45
John Brady, E. B.,	2 00	George F. Faulkner,	3 64
John L. Cunningham,	23 32	Thomas L. Foster,	12 80
John R. Carmichael,	35 62	John Flood,	2 00
James Carrigan,	2 00	John Jackson French,	43 00
Simeon P. Cushing,	27 42	William S. Farrer,	10 20
Cyrus Cushing,	44 64	Thomas Fallon,	2 82
James Croke,	7 74	Stephen Farnum,	2 00
George Carney,	2 00	Thomas Finnigan,	20 86
James R. Clark,	2 00	William H. French,	2 00
Daniel Carrigan,	2 00	Edward Farseyth,	2 00
David A. Collins,	2 00	Henry Gardner, balance,	29 91
Timothy Crowley,	2 00	Samuel H. Gooch,	2 00
Dennis Cummings,	2 00	Henry H. Goodnow,	3 64
J. B. Cowan,	2 00	Charles E. Goodnow,	2 00
John Cokely,	2 00	Heirs of A. A. Gilman,	10 66
Peter Callahan,	2 00	Thomas J. Griffin,	10 20
L. W. Cathcart,	2 00	James Gilbride,	2 00
Austin L. Cole,	2 00	Luda W. Holbrook,	2 00
John Cannerty,	2 00	Waldo Holbrook,	2 00
Edward H. Chase,	2 00	Walter Holbrook,	4 46
Reuben O. Colson,	2 00	James F. Holbrook,	2 00
William B. Denton,	1 64	Elias Holbrook,	50 38
George H. Dyer,	2 00	Abel Holbrook,	88 51
Heirs of Henry B. Dyer,	12 71	Edward P. Hayward,	23 73
Otis B. Dean,	2 00	Samuel Hayward,	2 00
Robert Dickey,	17 17	G. Henry Howard,	2 00

Caleb Hayden,	\$46 69	Benjamin Landers	\$12 66
William Hayden,	46 69	James E. Lathrop,	2 00
Nelson E. Hayden,	24 14	Sarah W. Lane,	92 25
Hosea B. Hayden,	3 64	Byron Loud,	2 00
Edgar Hayden,	2 00	Patrick Lynch,	2 00
Henry M. Hayden,	2 00	Joseph H. Mellus,	38 08
Loring Hayden,	2 00	Edward H. Mellus,	2 00
Benj. F. Hayden, balance, . .	4 71	John G. Minchin,	3 64
George E. Hayden,	3 64	William H. Mills,	25 78
Charles Hayden,	2 41	S. A. F. Mansfield,	2 00
Joel Hollis,	47 92	Charles W. Mansfield, 2d, . .	2 00
William A. Hollis,	27 42	George Mansfield,	2 00
Albert O. Hollis,	11 84	Patrick Maguire, 2d,	2 00
George E. Houghton,	2 00	William Mulligan,	2 00
Charles M. Hobart,	2 00	Luke Mulligan,	11 43
Henry Hobart,	26 19	Joseph S. Miller,	6 10
N. Morton Hobart,	131 56	John Murry,	2 00
Ira Hunt, balance,	41	John F. Moriarty,	2 00
Edward Huff,	8 56	J. Edward Mellen,	2 00
Thomas Houston,	24 14	Michael Moran,	2 00
William V. Hinsman,	15 53	Henry A. Murry,	2 00
Heirs of John Higgins,	43 05	John McMannus,	2 00
Wm. S. W. Houghton,	2 00	William McEwan,	18 40
Patrick Hennessey,	18 40	James McSweeney,	27 01
John S. Hanson,	31 93	Daniel McCue,	21 68
George W. Hardwick,	2 00	John McGlincy,	2 00
John Harvey,	2 00	James McKenney,	4 46
Henry Hayden,	6 51	Frances McDonnell,	2 00
Elbridge G. Hayden,	2 82	Thomas J. McCormick,	13 48
Timothy Hughes,	2 00	David McAuliffe,	17 99
Thomas V. Howard,	2 00	Wm. McCormick,	2 00
Robert M. Hunt,	2 00	Hugh Maguire,	2 00
Jeremiah Haley,	2 00	Leander Moore,	2 00
Edward D. Holbrook,	2 00	O. H. P. Niles,	23 73
J. Willa Hayden,	2 00	Minott Newton,	36 03
Leroy Hollis,	2 00	E. A. Newton,	44 23
George W. Hunt,	2 41	Michael Nolan,	2 41
D. W. Howe,	2 00	Elisha B. Nightingale,	2 00
Moses Jones,	20 45	Alvin M. Nightingale,	2 00
Silas M. Jones,	19 63	Michael O'Hare,	2 00
George W. Jones,	28 65	James O'Herne,	2 00
Sydney Johnson,	2 00	Samuel Penniman,	77 44
James E. Johnson,	27 01	Wm. R. Penniman, balance, . .	21 72
Joseph Jenkins,	32 34	Elijah Penniman,	27 01
James Kirbey, Jr.,	2 00	Joseph H. Penniman,	6 92
Bradford Knight,	2 00	Martin Porter,	2 00
Murrey Knight,	2 00	Heman Porter,	2 00
B. F. Kennedy,	2 00	George M. Parrot,	2 00
John Kirbey,	2 00	Franklin B. Parks,	38 90
A. B. Keith,	176 25	Patrick Powers,	2 00
B. T. Loring,	450 58	Albert Pool,	2 00
Judah Loring,	2 00	Francis Pratt,	2 00
Alden P. Loring,	2 00	George H. Patterson,	3 64
Robert M. Loring,	2 00	Richard H. Randall,	13 48
Heirs of T. J. Langley,	18 86	William M. Richards	24 14
Aaron Leavitt,	2 00	Samuel Rennie,	2 00
Stillman Leavitt,	2 00	John W. Richardson,	45 87

John Rafferty,	\$2 00	Heirs of Gustave Wiksell, . . .	\$34 85
Michael Ryan,	2 00	Michael Welsh,	2 00
John D. Record,	31 52	Robert A. Wilson,	2 00
Horace J. Richards,	2 00	Willard Wilson,	2 00
John Riley,	2 41	Willard Wild,	2 00
Benj. Stevens,	33 59	George De Witt,	2 00
Con. Smith,	13 89	Frank Wall,	2 00
James R. Smith,	2 00	—— Willis,	2 00
Joseph Smith,	2 00		
E. Watson Saunders,	36 03		
James W. Saunders,	2 00		
Wm. W. Saunders,	2 00		
John Sullivan, E. B.,	2 00		
Thomas South,	128 69		
Benjamin Sanderson, Jr.,	27 06		
Terrence Starr,	2 00		
Mary Sharkey,	3 28		
Con. Sergun,	2 00		
Dennis Sweeney,	2 00		
Timothy Smith,	2 00		
Jeremiah Saxon,	2 00		
Simeon Thayer,	17 58		
Abel H. Thayer,	6 51		
James L. Thayer,	2 00		
Abel H. Thayer and James L. Thayer,	23 78		
Charles W. Thayer,	2 00		
Heirs of Wm. S. Thayer,	28 70		
David Thayer,	27 83		
David B. Thayer,	15 94		
Charles Thayer,	36 44		
Lewis Thayer,	13 48		
Ira Thayer,	66 78		
Francis P. Thayer,	2 00		
Nahum Thayer,	2 00		
J. Q. A. Thayer,	2 00		
Sylvanus Thayer,	17 58		
John Tower,	24 14		
James N. Tower,	2 00		
Elisha H. Tower,	5 28		
Heirs of Acton Taylor,	8 20		
John Thompson,	87 28		
Alvin Totman,	4 05		
Napoleon Tellier,	2 00		
George Thompson,	2 00		
Warren Thomas,	2 00		
James Timney,	2 00		
John Towhil,	2 00		
Freeman G. White,	13 57		
N. Thayer Wild,	2 00		
George W. White,	38 20		
William R. Wild,	30 29		
James Willis,	22 09		
James M. Willis,	2 00		
George S. Whiting,	8 56		
Heirs of Joseph Weaver,	19 68		
		NON-RESIDENTS.	
		Boston Flax Mills,	2132 00
		Edward Potter,	18 70
		William Howe,	10 66
		William Claflin,	205 00
		Edward McAuliffe,	40 18
		Heirs of Rachel Wood,	4 92
		Thomas Callaghan,	12 30
		Boston Organ Company,	65 60
		John L. Hunnewell,	102 50
		Wm. H. Hutchingson,	24 60
		J. B. Thompson,	4 51
		Frank Frost,	2 87
		Charles Nadd,	2 05
		Walter H. Baker,	1 64
		Heirs of Ephraim Whitcomb,	1 23
		Daniel W. Thayer,	41
		Eleazer Beals,	1 64
		Tower & Others,	8 20
		Francis Richards,	14 76
		Robert V. Barnes,	6 15
		Thomas B. Porter,	41 00
		William Buker,	5 74
		Benj. S. Dowse,	1 23
		Issac N. Tirrell,	1 23
		Emily Houghton,	5 33
		Daniel Conners,	23 37
		Wm. G. Prescott,	3 28
		Nathaniel H. Beals,	3 28
		John Q. Denton,	2 05
		Thomas Hayes,	30 34
		L. W. Anderson,	6 56
		Henry W. Wild,	6 56
		Nathaniel Beals,	12 30
		David P. Hayward,	56 58
		Abner Curtis,	77 90
		James Lane,	22 96
		R. S. Clisby,	9 43
		Clisby & Co.,	8 20
		Hannah C. Berry,	9 43
		James Green,	3 28
		Abbie Worster,	2 87
		Total am't of taxes unpaid,	7286 87

JURY LIST,

REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN, FEBRUARY 16, 1875.

Barnabas F. Arnold,
 Frank E. Allen,
 Abijah Allen,
 Joseph A. Arnold,
 Richard L. Arnold,
 J. Frederic Allen,
 John B. Arnold,
 E. Watson Arnold,
 Samuel E. Brackett,
 Alexander Bowditch,
 Ebenezer C. Bowditch,
 David H. Bates,
 Andrew J. Bates,
 Francis Crane,
 Wm. H. Cobb,
 Ansel O. Clark,
 Eben Denton,
 Samuel L. Dyer,
 E. Warner Daily,
 Azel R. French,
 Joseph R. Frasier,
 Levi W. Hobart,
 Charles W. Hobart,
 S. W. Hollis,
 N. H. Hunt,

William Howard,
 Ebenezer F. Howard,
 Moses D. Holbrook,
 Henry M. Hollis,
 Samuel Hayden,
 John Kimball,
 George F. Leonard,
 Wm. F. Lock,
 Paul J. Minchin,
 Alva S. Morrison,
 Josiah Penniman,
 Charles Pratt,
 N. Warren Penniman,
 Charles W. Proctor,
 Marcus A. Perkins,
 Jechonias Penniman,
 Henry W. Simonds,
 Joel F. Sheppard,
 Amos Wm. Stetson,
 Amasa S. Thayer,
 Lewis Thayer,
 Adoniram J. White,
 John S. Whitaker,
 Nathaniel White,
 Thomas B. Vinton.

Statistics of the Town of Braintree,

FOR THE YEAR 1874.

Whole number of intentions of marriage recorded,	41
“ “ marriages recorded,	46
“ “ births	113
“ “ deaths	82

The eldest male married was	54 years
“ female	44 “
The youngest male	20 “
“ female,	16 “

The oldest man who died was Samuel French, who was 84 years old.

The oldest woman who died was Mrs. Ann Storrs, widow of the late Dr. Storrs, who was 81 years old.

Marriages Solemnized in Braintree,

FOR THE YEAR 1874.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTH-PLACE.
Jan. 6,	Hugh Curry,	26	Braintree.	Ireland.
	Catharine Barber,	28	“	“
10,	Martin F. Smith,	21	Randolph.	Randolph.
	Mary Ella Callahan,	18	Braintree.	Abington.
17,	Malachy Donovan,	29	“	Ireland.
	Lucy J. Badger,	32	“	Canada.
19,	Horace Dana,	54	“	Grafton, Vt.
	S. Eleanor Hunt,	21	“	Braintree.
28,	Chas. Henry Holbrook,	21	Holbrook.	Holbrook.
	Alice Peabody Whitcomb,	18	“	“
21,	Adam Warren Hobart,	30	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Hannah M. Hall,	28	Attleboro’.	Attleboro’.
Feb. 3,	Chas. Harrison Hobart,	33	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Abbie F. Hardwick,	29	Quincy.	Quincy.
14,	Geo. E. Thompson,	23	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
	Anna E. Smith,	19	“	“
22,	John J. McCarthy,	26	Boston.	Ireland.
	Hannah Murphy,	22	Wraintree.	Boston.
25,	Ebenezer W. Richards,	24	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
	Alice Isabel Hunt,	23	“	“
26,	Calvin T. Dyer,	27	Boston.	Quincy.
	Sarah A. Smith,	22	“	“

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTH-PLACE.
Apl. 9,	Frederick Bunker,	27	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Ella S. Vinton,	27	"	"
12,	Leonardo Morales,	29	"	Cuba.
	Agnes T. Simpson,	19	East Weymouth.	East Weymouth.
28,	Frank Hale Mason,	23	Braintree.	Boston.
	Lucretia A. Chipman,	23	Weymouth.	East Weymouth.
May 6,	L. L. Hartshorn,	24	Walpole.	Walpole.
	Emma J. Richards,	21	Braintree.	Sharon.
17,	Robert P. T. Pratt,	32	Wolbrook.	Braintree.
	Desire C. Dyer,	19	Braintree.	Weymouth.
28,	Charles W. Bowen,	46	No. Bridgewater.	Walpole.
	Caroline B. Keith,	37	"	W. Bridgewater.
29,	Edward H. Drinkwater,	26	Braintree.	Topsham, Me.
	Annie Cora Thayer,	19	"	Waterville, Me.
31,	Charles A. Lund,	23	"	Andover.
	Clara F. Hickey,	19	"	Weymouth.
June 13,	Nathaniel F. Hunt,	36	"	Braintree.
	Arcamia P. Robbins,	24	Plymouth.	Lowell.
17,	William H. Stoddard,	24	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Mary L. Green,	25	Randolph.	Randolph.
28,	Samuel V. Arnold,	43	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Mary O. McElwain,	26	Concord.	Charlestown.
July 18,	Heman G. Porter,	26	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Georgie A. Sprague,	17	"	"
19,	Washington I. Jordan,	28	Bridgewater.	Denmark, Me.
	Eunice W. Bowditch,	20	Braintree.	Braintree.
Aug. 2,	Albert F. Parks,	25	"	Cambridgeport.
	Addie M. Wheeler,	18	"	Augusta, Me.
13,	Albert W. Dyer,	30	"	Braintree.
	Elisina Taylor,	20	Randolph.	Randolph.
29,	N. Warren Penniman,	52	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Juliette A. Penniman,	37	"	"
Sep. 1,	Joel A. Guild,	50	Brookline.	Dedham.
	Sarah A. Weed,	24	Braintree.	Portsmouth, R. I.
5,	Moses N. Hunt,	29	Holbrook.	Randolph.
	Sophia E. Croak,	35	Randolph.	"
9,	Wm. E. Foye,	26	Braintree.	Weymouth.
	Mary E. Eldridge,	18	"	State of Maine.
20,	John F. Moriarty,	23	"	Lewiston, Me.
	Mary A. Sutton,	20	St. Johns, N. F.	St. Johns, N. F.
Oct. 1,	Edward P. Allen,	44	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Catherine W. Willis,	44	"	Cumberland, Me.
4,	Geo. T. Dee,	21	"	Cohasset.
	Mary E. Finnigan,	17	"	Braintree.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	BIRTH-PLACE.
10,	Hemon A. Damon,	20	Braintree.	Hingham.
	Annie Foss,	17	Weymouth.	Weymouth.
11,	F. W. Parks,	35	Braintree.	Cambridge.
	Mary C. Hathaway,	24	Boston.	New Bedford.
13,	Charles L. Badger,	54	Quincy.	Bow, N. H.
	Annie W. French,	37	Braintree.	Braintree.
17,	Henry B. Grinnell,	25	"	Rochester.
	Georgianna Whiting,	16	"	Braintree.
Nov. 2,	A. A. Nightingale,	26	Randolph.	"
	G. A. Peterson,	23	"	Sweden.
7,	William Allen,	29	Braintree.	Braintree.
	Emma F. Jones,	18	"	"
15,	Patrick J. Powers,	25	"	St. John's, N. F.
	Lucy M. Roach,	21	"	St. Mary's, N. F.
19,	William Dickey,	28	"	Braintree.
	Catharine Hill,	22	"	"
26,	Richard A. Gage,	22	"	"
	Hattie A. Holbrook,	17	"	"
	Horace A. Manley,	30	Boston.	Madison, Me.
	Julia A. Richards,	18	Braintree.	Sharon.
Dec. 25,	Charles F. Coan,	28	Hyde Park.	Exeter, Me.
	A. C. Rackliff,	22	"	Lincolntonville, Me.
	Charles F. Howard,	24	Randolph.	Randolph.
	Lydia A. Farrington,	17	New Bedford.	Fairhaven.
1873.				
Apl. 26,	Timothy Trowley, Jr.,*	21	Braintree.	East Boston.
	Usula T. Billings,	20	"	Boston.

* This certificate was not returned in season last year, so that it must be recorded this year.

Deaths in Braintree for the Year 1874.

DATE.	NAME.	YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.	DISEASE.
Jan. 1,	Lizzie A. Morrison,	35	6		Dropsy.
2,	Mary D. Coffin,	69	8		Paralysis of Brain.
14,	Mary A. Porter,	27			Diphtheria.
19,	Susan N. T. Thayer,	73	6	22	Lung Fever.
29,	Mary Ann Dowd,	4	11	24	Drowned.
Feb. 10,	Gideon Thayer,	67	11		Heart Disease.
	Sarah H. Hayward,		5	5	Consumption.
15,	James H. Starr,		3	8	Marasmus.
19,	Mary Emily Arnold,	40	6	9	Cancer of Bowels.
28,	Moses Long,	4	1	2	Fits.
Mar. 5,	Deborah Johnson,	75	4	29	Pneumonia.
12,	Susan B. Fenno,	78			General Debility.
20,	Abigail C. Trask,	72		5	Consumption.
21,	Benjamin F. Lund,	19	2	27	Heart Disease.
22,	Willie Stone,			1	Heart Disease.
30,	Josiah Hollis,	74	10	11	Heart Disease.
Apr. 8,	Elizabeth Stevens,	65	5	3	Consumption.
10,	Baker Hathaway,	82			Heart Disease.
23,	Charles Preston Hayden,		11	13	Pneumonia.
30,	Elisha Nightingale,	82	6		Pneumonia.
May 5,	Joseph Leodo Flour,		4	5	Infantile.
6,	Rosanna R. Ela,	39			Consumption.
7,	Eugene F. Langley,	23			Drowned.
	John Brandley,	15	11	27	Accidental.
8,	Julia Florence Tellier,	1	5		Scarlet Fever.
12,	Emma Frances Smith,	1	1	22	Consumption.
	Serinda Hibbard,	65	5	18	Internal Cancer.
14,	Eliza Lund,	28	3	11	Consumption.
	James O'Keefe,	2	11		Croup.
16,	Martha Elsie Randall,	17	8	13	Consumption.
17,	Julia May Finnigan,	14	1	9	Diphtheria.
21,	George H. Thayer,	70			Killed by cars.
13-24,	Julia Hawkes,	40			Shot.
24,	Mary Buker,	77		4	Bright's Dis. of Kid's
27,	Catharine Murray,	7	3	4	Scrofula.
30,	Margaret Sullivan,	47			Liver Complaint.
June 16,	Edward E. Allen,	15	3		Burned.
17,	Rhoda Huff,	65	2	9	Consumption.
25,	Dolly Payson,	76			Paralysis.

DATE,	NAME.	YRS.	MOS.	DAYS.	DISEASE.
June 26,	Jonas Perkins,	83	8	11	Pneumonia.
July 6,	Mary G. R. Daland,	70	4	1	Tuberc'r Meningitis.
13,	Samuel Hayward,	81	9	8	Old Age.
21,	William I. Houghton,	66	6	21	Typhoid Fever.
24,	Charles T. Thayer,	19	10	10	Typhoid Fever.
Aug. 8,	Cecil Foss Bunker,		11	12	Cholera Infantum.
9,	William H. Thayer,	75			Suicide.
10,	Francis P. McCormack,		5	20	Cholera Infantum.
14,	Charles Gifford,	75	6	3	Paralysis of Brain.
24,	Willie Jones,	1	7		Cholera Infantum.
	Susan M. Hill,	10	10		Consumption.
27,	Abel Holbrook,	77			Heart Disease.
	Ann Storrs,	81	11	24	Old Age.
29,	Jane F. Sullivan,	27			Abscess.
	Lewis E. Goodnow,		2	15	Cholera Infantum.
31,	Charles Harrison Hayden,		2		Cholera Infantum.
Sep. 2,	Benjamin F. Hayden,	32	3	11	Consumption.
4,	Clarissa B. Gregg,	74	4		Cancer.
5,	Joseph Griffin,		5	28	Croup.
	Viola M. Pratt,			27	Marasmus.
8,	Gertrude Austin Penniman,		1	22	Cholera Infantum.
10,	Chas. Loring Gregg,		7	5	Meningitis.
17,	Samuel French,	84	9	27	Cancer.
29,	Hattie L. Baker,		11	14	Cholera Infantum.
Oct. 1,	William H. Gillespie,	1	2	22	Cholera Infantum.
	Eva F. David,		8	4	Cholera Infantum.
	R. Frances Mann,	49	8		Consumption.
5,	Samuel Reynolds Millick,	1	5	6	Teething.
10,	William Morrill,	45			Consumption.
	Susan A. Thompson,	78	8	11	General Debility.
12,	Sarah Ann Murphy,	35	5	6	Pneumonia.
24,	Kittie V. Maybury,			26	Cholera Infantum.
28,	Henry Cleary,		1	9	Convulsions.
31,	Mary D. Howard,	34	8	22	Heart Disease.
Nov. 11,	Carrie Louisa Saunders,	2			Pneumonia.
14,	Tamar Cutting,	79	8	19	Old Age.
17,	Mary Ann Norton,	21	8	4	Consumption.
23,	Harriet B. Cushman,	29	7	25	Typhoid Pneumonia
26,	Hattie Coy Cushman,			9	
30,	Peter A. Drollett,	44	9	15	Consumption.
Dec. 1,	Solon Jenkins,	81			Dropsy.
10,	— White,			1	
20,	Samuel Penniman,	81	11	23	Strangulated Hernia

Births in Braintree for the Year 1874.

DATE.	NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 1,	Joseph Lodo Flour,	Joseph and Maria.
	Martha Eliot Miller,	Joseph S. and Rebecca,
2,	Maud Hellen Fitch,	Cyrus B. and Hellen F.
10,	Harry Arnold Simonds,	H. Willie and E. Clarabel.
15,	Nellie Louisa Saunders,	C. Watson and Louisa.
19,	William Bradford Richards,	Horace J. and Harriet R.
21,	Mary Jane Smith,	Mathew and Jane.
21,	William Jenders,	James and Emma.
24,	Fannie Jane Hobart,	Robert D. and Sarah F.
25,	Lawrence Doyle,	Thomas and Mary.
26,	Eva Frances David,	Solon and Agnes.
30,	Fannie Lucinda Baker,	Jonathan W. and Fannie B.
Feb. 5,	Charles Loring Gregg,	Caleb C. and Lydia P.
6,	Florence Lisette Goodnow,	Henry H. and Lisette M.
10,	Burt Forest Hollis,	Leander B. and Maria E.
20,	George Thomas Fallon,	Thomas and Adeline E.
	Stella Frances Cavanagh,	John and Annie M.
	Francis P. McCormack,	Thomas J. and Mary A.
21,	Eliza Jane Chambers,	James and Eliza.
23,	Mary Catharine Long,	Edward and Catharine.
24,	Ann Mary Brooks,	Douglas A. and Ann Mary.
25,	Ella Hannaford,	Augustus F. and Sarah A.
26,	Kittie McAndrew White,	Robert and Jennie.
Mar. 2,	Louise Scott George,	Horace S. and Victoria M.
5,	Mary Goldsmith R. Daland,	John and Sarah E.
8,	Joseph Griffin,	Michael and Margaret.
13,	John Joseph White,	Joseph and Amelia.
19,	Oliver Chessman Hunt,	Charles B. and Georgiana M.
20,	Teresa Smith,	Cornelius and Mary.
22,	Willie Stone,	Lemuel D. and Alice F.
28,	Aaron Howe Russell,	Aaron H. and Laura V.
29,	Everett Clarence Mansfield,	Gardner W. and Josephine A.
	Eva Gertrude Mansfield,	Gardner W. and Josephine A.
31,	Charles Harrison Hayden,	Sarah Harrison Hayden,
Apl. 10,	Annie Mira Willis,	George D. and Mary E.
11,	Elton Winfield Dana,	Horace and Sarah E.
12,	Henry McDonald,	Alexander and Margaret.
14,	Mary Lizzie Chandler,	Edgar W. and Elizabeth R.
19,	Lillabelle Hayden,	Harriet A. Hayden.
24,	Alvin Alex. Totman,	Alvin and Louisa.

DATE.	NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
May 1,	Mary Rainsford Bates,	J. Franklin and Margery M.
3,	Mary Kirby,	Edward F. and Margaret.
4,	Freddie Winchell Cram,	Frederic A. and Esther H.
8,	Nettie Ella Willis,	Samuel A. and Clara E.
13,	Mary Louise Gooley,	Charles A. and Margaret.
23,	Appleton M. Nightingale,	Andrew C. and Bridget.
June 9,	James Kelley,	James and Catharine.
11,	Jennie Purcell,	Patrick and Bridget.
17,	Alice Lavada Boyle,	John E. and Margaret.
June 22,	Julie Isabel Arnold,	E. Watson and Maria V.
23,	George E. Surarder Huff,	Edward and Lucy Jane.
23,	Gracie Belle Bowditch,	George A. and Arabella A.
14,	Lewis Eliot Goodnow,	Charles E. and Lydia D.
26,	Cyrille N. Greenwood,	John and Mary F.
26,	Phillip Sullivan,	Edward and Ellen.
July 4,	Mary Alice Hunt,	Willard M. and Mary E.
9,	Sarah Lizzie Hollis,	Joseph A. and Laura Ann.
14,	Clara Livia Thayer,	William Howe and Adeline H.
12,	Allen Grant Angus,	William and Isabella.
13,	Winnefred Thayer,	Angenette Thayer.
19,	Gertrude Austin Penniman,	Henry A. and E. Anna.
19,	Reginald H. Johnson,	Henry A. and Elizabeth S.
25,	John Edmund Orr,	William and Sarah.
28,	Florence Octavia Walsh,	Theodore and Elizabeth.
28,	Charles Edward Bannon,	Edward and Catharine A.
29,	Carroll Austin Holbrook,	Peter D. and Sarah B.
29,	Susan Maria Hayden,	Edgar and Mary Ann.
Aug. 8,	Elsie Estella Drinkwater,	Albion C. and Susie H.
9,	Viola M. Pratt,	Henry Otis and Maria L.
13,	George Frederic Beyette,	Joseph I. and Diantha J.
13,	Albert Thomas Donovan,	Malichi and Lucy J.
17,	John Hallissey,	Daniel and Mary.
22,	Margaret Celia Preston,	Michael and Margaret.
26,	Chester Hollis,	Reuben F. and Lydia Ann.
28,	James Alfred Lynch,	Patrick and Mary.
30,	R. McLanathan Stearns,	Charles and Laura G.
31,	Mary Hellen Wales	George O. and Abbie F. P.
Sept. 4,	Edward Quinn,	Michael and Mary.
16,	Frank S. McAlpin,	James F. and Susan J.
19,	Henry Cleary,	Maurice and Mary E.
27,	John Jordan,	Patrick and Eliza.
28,	Florence Eugenia Langley,	Eugene F. and Amanda J.
28,	Kittie V. Maybury,	Edwin D. and Kittie.
30,	Frank Albert Doherty,	George and Julia.

DATE.	NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Sept. 30,	Amos William Buker,	Syms G. and Mary Ann.
30,	Timothy Gannon,	Thomas and Bridget.
30,	Alexander A. Raitt,	James and Jennie.
Oct. 4,	Miriam Blagden Lane,	George H. and Sarah W.
9,	Maurice Lucien Belcher,	Alexander T. and Addie E.
✓ 13,	Teresa Grace O'Rourke,	Peter and Teresa.
15,	Mary Elizabeth Alden,	George A. and Elizabeth.
16,	—— Huff,	Alonzo and Lucy H.
19,	Warren Henry Crocker,	Eugene and Lydia.
24,	Edward Devany,	Patrick and Margaret.
24,	John Thomas Downes,	John J. and Annie.
Nov. 3,	Emily Cornelia Lochman,	J. Edmund and Harriet M.
4,	George Francis Dennehy,	Jeremiah and Hannah.
11,	Fannie Louise Mead,	Charles A. and Mary S.
10,	—— Jackson,	Hosea and Adelaide.
✓ 12,	Henry Moulton Hollis,	Henry M. and Caroline D.
17,	Hattie Coy Cushman,	Alfred W. and Harriet.
27,	John Edw. S. Drinkwater,	Edward H. and Annie Cora.
23,	—— Hamilton,	Robert and Almira.
Dec. 5,	Philip Sullivan,	Thomas and Margaret.
10,	—— White,	Austin and Mary F.
✓ 13,	Mary Ann Havay,	Andrew and Mary.
19,	Lizzie Marilla Hobart,	C. Harrison and Abbie F.
21,	Alice May Mellen,	John Edward and Mary J.
✓ 25,	—— Hayden,	Nelson E. and Mary A.
27,	Charles W. M. Lehman,	Sophia Lehman,
31,	Mary Eagan,	Martin and Bridget.
31,	Mary Louise Parks,	Albert F. and Addie M.

The School Committee of the Town of Braintree beg leave to submit the following Annual Report for the year 1874-5.

R E P O R T .

Our present report must be to some extent a repetition of the last and former reports.

The Board of School Committee was organized immediately after the qualification of the members elected, with the choice of

N. L. WHITE, CHAIRMAN.

N. TORREY, SECRETARY.

And the usual Sub-Committees were selected to have immediate charge of certain specified schools. There have been monthly meetings held during the year, with reports of inspection, visiting, progress and general standing of the various schools.

Rev. F. B. Sleeper resigned during the month of September last, and the vacancy still exists. There has been no especial change in the studies and exercises of the schools during the past year. It has become more the custom for cities and towns to secure teachers and for men and women to graduate from institutions of learning, all parties making new arrangements in the Summer; and, if occasion requires, far better opportunities for the Committee to secure teachers.

In consideration of these views, the Committee have made a change in the organization and arrange-

ment of the High School for the future ; and in order to carry their project into effect, will continue this school year to the end of the Spring term, and not admit any class until the commencement of the Fall term. We will undoubtedly raise the standard of admittance. A more thorough preparation for entering the High School will be expected in the Grammar Schools ; thus no disadvantage will arise to pupils as they now rank in their respective positions.

This arrangement will not interfere with the financial affairs of the town. All accounts can be closed as at the present.

We notice at the examinations of some of the schools, exercises in calisthenics, of which we approve and recommend a part of the school time of each day exercises of that kind be participated in. Writing is not generally so well taught as it might be. The children are put to writing words and sentences before they know how to form letters. The Committee report good progress in Drawing, in some of the schools, this useful and interesting branch of instruction. It is a most desirable and profitable study and practice ; in our opinion should be commenced in all the Grammar and Primary schools ; it will not prevent their progress in other studies.

The school property is not respected as it should be by some pupils in the schools. Any defacing or damaging the school building, interior or exterior, the teacher must examine into, and, if necessary, report to the Sub-Committees, or they will hold them responsible therefor.

More attention should be paid to teach and impress

good manners. Our teachers should instruct the boys to salute their elders, clergymen, teachers, parents and friends, when they meet them; also, the boys and girls to practice politeness towards each other in the school room which they are sometimes required to display in society.

The duty of providing for vacancies is onerous, and one for the satisfactory discharge of which the Committee many times have not sufficient time nor facilities. We certainly agree, in order to secure the best results, of consulting and advising with each other, and deem it good practice in making selections for teachers, to give the preference to our people who have been educated in home schools, if they do not fall below others, of whom we have knowledge in attainments and qualifications.

Truancies are less frequent than they have ever been in years before, doubtless owing to the appointment of the truant officer.

It is to be regretted that parents and friends do not oftener visit the schools, and thus show some interest in their welfare. Their presence would always be welcomed by the teachers, and would certainly be encouraging to the pupils. Examinations of the schools are not fair tests of either pupils or the ability of the teachers, which are usually well attended, while the school room, the place of daily labor and of daily advancement, if any be made, is seldom visited. We have, on the whole, a most excellent corps of teachers in our schools, who labor with patience and good success.

The Grammar and Primary schools are in a flour;

ishing condition. Their examinations were generally satisfactory, and well attended by the parents and public at large.

The annual exercises of the High School in the Town Hall were very successful, and will be remembered by the graduates of the school long after many other important events are forgotten, as a RED-LETTER DAY—when all the world appeared as bright in the future as the scene which surrounded them.

HIGH SCHOOL.

CHARLES S. STETSON, A.M. PRINCIPAL.

MISS REBECCA M. HOLYOKE, ASSISTANT.

The whole number of pupils in the school at the opening was—71.

The number admitted in February last was 28; comprising 19 girls, 9 boys.

This school, like all others, belongs to the people, and is for their benefit. It should maintain a reasonable high standard of scholarship. To admit those who are not qualified, or to permit them to remain is a serious drawback on those who are capable of more rapid advancement.

The Principal, Charles S. Stetson, has managed the school with great efficiency and success. He has been well supported by the able assistant, Miss Rebecca M. Holyoke, and the Committee are pleased to continue their valuable services in the future.

At the commencement of the Spring term will be the time designated for those who elect to enter upon

THE ENGLISH COURSE OF STUDIES, which was arranged for scholars who completed them in two years and a half to graduate and receive diplomas, and probably not for some time can we see the result of the practical working of this course. There seems to be some difference of opinion in reference to this method. We would prefer to give all parties interested an opportunity to educate their children.

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1875,

SUSAN ANNIE MARIA FREEL,
MARY JONES PRATT,

CELIA HENRIETTA THAYER,
IDA EMMA WHITE,

FRANK AMASA BATES,

Acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, exhibiting thorough knowledge of the studies they had pursued—with honor to themselves and reputable to the teachers under whom they had been taught.

CLASS of 1862.

SUSAN R. H. HUNT.
N. ANNABELLA NILES,

CLASS of 1863.

INDIANA GIFFORD.
THEODORE C. HOWE.
REBECCA S. ORCUTT.
ANN MARY PORTER.
LYDIA A. SIMONDS.

CLASS of 1864.

MARGARETTE E. BANNON.
EDWARD W. HOWE.
VIRGINIA NILES.
SARAH J. PENNIMAN.
MARY A. WAITE.

CLASS of 1865.—None.

CLASS of 1866.

ANN E. HUNT.
MARY C. HOWE.
IBRAHIM MORRISON.
HARRIET E. RICHARDS.

CLASS of 1867.

SARAH ALLEN,
HERBERT DOANE.
SARAH L. PORTER.
MARY SCOLLARD.
AVIS A. THAYER.
ELDORA S. THAYER.

CLASS of 1868.

ELLA S. COLBERT.

CLASS of 1869,

KATIE P. BISHOP.
MARY A. DYER.
SARAH J. FREEL.

M. ROSA MINCHIN.
INEZ A. PENNIMAN.
S. ELLA TORREY.
CLARA L. VINTON.

CLASS of 1870.

CHARLOTTE E. ALLEN.
SUSAN ALLEN.
FLORA J. DYER.
ELLA F. FISHER.
S. LUELLE HUNT.
LOIS E. JENKINS.
JENETTE RENNIE.
MARTHA F. TYRRELL.
HELEN A. WILLIAMS.

CLASS of 1871.

OSCAR M. CROCKER.
F. EUGENE DYER.
ALICE M. MASON.
N. GLEASON TORREY.

CLASS of 1872.

TELLIS F. KELLEY.
W. H. SHAW.
JOHN V. ALLEN.
ARTHUR E. SPROUL.
ELLEN E. MILES.
SARAH L. BURNHAM.
SARAH F. DOW.
ABBY A. ALLEN.

CLASS of 1873.

PATRICK H. BILLINGS.
JOHN L. CRANE.
WARREN B. KEITH.
SANFORD P. RECORD.
WELLINGTON RECORD.

CLASS of 1874.

MINNIE ROSENFELD.
M. JOSIE DEARING.
CORA J. BATES.
FREDERICK W. PENNIMAN.
EDWIN L. SHAW.
WALTER D. ANGLIM.

POND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MESSRS. AMES, ARNOLD AND MISS PENNIMAN, TEACHERS.

This school was commenced by Miss Abbie Penniman, and continued through the Spring term.

Mr. E. C. Ames, of Brockton, was highly recommended, having had many years of experience, teaching schools of all grades, and with more than ordinary success. His services were secured to teach through the Fall term, but, on account of sickness, was obliged to resign in the latter part of December, and the term was finished by Mr. Freeman A. Arnold. The change of teachers has not been beneficial to the school; the pupils are not as far advanced in their studies as in former years; the examination was not up to the average of others; but we do not attribute this entirely to the teachers; the scholars have somewhat lost their interest in the studies. The Committee expect, that during the Spring term Mr. Arnold will be able to regain the former standard of the school.

POND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS E. M. THOMPSON, TEACHER.

It gives us pleasure to speak of this school in terms of high commendation. Efficient government has been maintained, both in and out of the school room, and excellent deportment has everywhere prevailed. The average attendance in this school, we believe, is greater than any other in town. Exercises which have served as recreation and relief to body and mind have been introduced, such as

singing, manual exercises, drawing, &c., which have excited much interest and enthusiasm among the scholars. The examination was very interesting, and proved that both teacher and scholars had worked diligently.

POND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS S. ELLA TORREY, TEACHER.

Miss Torrey has continued in charge of this school, and when visited we have always found good order; the children seemed to be interested in their studies and making fair progress. The school is large, and, considering the severe winter, the average attendance fair. The examination was entirely satisfactory to the Committee, and the visitors no doubt were well pleased.

UNION GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MISSES ISABEL C. LIVINGSTON AND AMY ALLEN, TEACHERS.

Miss Isabel C. Livingston, who taught this school last year, continued through the first term of this year, then resigned, to accept a more desirable situation in Stoneham. Under her care, the school made excellent progress, and Committee, parents and scholars very much regretted her resignation.

For the second term, Miss Amy Allen was secured as teacher, and the Committee are happy to state that she has succeeded admirably as to discipline, and has been reasonably successful in other respects.

The map and other drawings in this school were very fine indeed.

The parents and friends in this district show their interest in the schools by often visiting them, and at the closing examination there were about 70 present.

THE UNION INTERMEDIATE AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

MISSES SARAH L. BURNHAM, M. JOSIE DEARING, and CARRIE W. HAYDEN, TEACHERS.

Circumstances seemed to require several changes in these schools the past year; but we think they showed, on examination, a good degree of proficiency.

The singing and drawing exercises, in these rooms, were very pleasing.

Miss Hayden, — successor to Miss Penniman, who had taught in the Intermediate several years, and who had shown some very efficient qualities, — introduced, we trust, a new era as to methods of instruction; viz: that of illustration, embellishment, and oral additions, from other sources than the prescribed text-book. The style of “base memorizing, without intelligent study, cannot be too strongly condemned.”

With Miss Burnham in the Intermediate, and Miss Dearing in the Primary, we hope these schools will be, not only places for instruction in the usual branches, and in which the children will be properly governed, but places of comfort and happiness, places in which they may feel at home, and have constantly before them, in their teachers, such manners and such unexceptionable language as shall be worthy their patterning after.

THE MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.

MISS LOTTIE E. ALLEN, TEACHER.

At the commencement of the present year, Miss Allen was transferred from the South-West District, where she had taught two years, to this school. Under her supervision the school has given evidence of careful and faithful training. Her classes in Grammar were remarkably good — giving evidence that this important branch of study, which is often, and particularly by beginners, considered dry and uninteresting, has been entered upon by them with a zest which indicates a lively interest therein. Her classes in arithmetic also showed that they had had careful and thorough instruction.

The closing examination was quite fully attended and entirely satisfactory.

THE SOUTH-EAST SCHOOL.

MISSSES ALICE M. MASON and ELLEN L. WALLACE, TEACHERS.

Miss Mason taught this school till the close of the Summer term, when she was transferred to one of the schools in the Iron Works District, and Miss Wallace took her place for the remainder of the year. Miss Wallace is a recent graduate of the Girls High and Normal School of Boston, and this was the first school she had taught. Her literary qualifications are excellent, and her success during this term indicates that she may become a very valuable and successful teacher.

The whole number of scholars who have attended

this school the past year is small compared with the whole number of children of school age within the limits of the district, and the average attendance has also been small, though better than last year. It is to be regretted, too, that quite a number of scholars who had attended school during the term, absented themselves on examination day. The examination was creditable to those pupils who were present.

THE EAST SCHOOL.

MISS VICTORIA P. WILDE, TEACHER.

This is the largest mixed school in town ; and from the large floating population of the district, the elements of the school are continually changing. This makes it more difficult to manage, and retards its progress. But Miss Wilde's great experience as a teacher, and her tact and energy of character, has enabled her, with apparent ease, to preserve excellent order and discipline, while her own enthusiasm, imparted to the scholars, has caused them to make good progress in their studies. The improvement in this school throughout the year has been very marked, and entirely satisfactory ; and the closing examination was in all respects excellent. Miss Wilde is eminently the right teacher in the right place.

THE WEST SCHOOL.

MISS AVIS A. THAYER, TEACHER.

Miss Avis A. Thayer, an experienced and faithful teacher, has continued in this school through the

year, and is gradually producing a thorough change for the better. When we say this, we are well aware that there are circumstances beyond the control of teachers which may prevent the attainment, in all classes, of equally satisfactory results. Her labors are worthy of more commendation than the recitations at the examination would seem to warrant; but we believe that in due season she will bring this school up to that standard of excellence at which she is aiming, and that better results may be expected at the close of another year. On examination day, there was very good attendance, though we think one of the best scholars was unnecessarily absent. The rule of the Committee for such absence requires some explanation before the scholar can re-enter.

THE SOUTH-WEST SCHOOL.

MISS HELEN A. WILLIAMS, TEACHER.

Of the scholars in this district, more than 30 per cent. are taken or allowed to remain out of school. If ignorance is the parent of vice, then the larger per cent. of non-attendants the greater will that class of the body politic be which will threaten most the nation's existence, and prove the most troublesome to any portion of the community. Miss Williams has labored well and successfully in this school, and it has reached a stand-point far in advance of many preceding years. If it continues to advance as it has during the past year, it will soon be in the first rank.

THE SOUTH SCHOOL.

MISSSES FLORA J. DYER and MAGGIE BANNON, TEACHERS.

This school was conducted during the Spring term by Miss Dyer. At the close, she resigned and received an appointment in a neighboring town, to teach. Miss Bannon has had the institution under her management the past winter, and has apparently made rapid progress in scholarship and discipline, the average attendance being nearly double what it was last year. The building has been frequently injured, and has been at times the abode of tramps; and when instances of that kind occur, the parties discovered, the Committee sanction the severest penalty of the law. The examination was well attended by the parents and friends. The school made an excellent appearance, and will in time, if under the present teachers' instruction, compare favorably with either school of this grade.

IRON WORKS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MISSSES MARY GINN and S. A. CHILDS, TEACHERS.

Miss Ginn has had charge of this school during the Summer term, but resigned at its close. Miss S. A. Childs, who for the previous two or three years had had charge of the Primary school, very reluctantly, on her part, yielded to the earnest wish of the Committee to occupy the place thus made vacant. Her success in this school has demonstrated the wisdom of our choice. Her management of the school has secured good order, the respect of her pupils

and the confidence and esteem of their parents. Her efforts have been directed towards securing thoroughness in the various studies, and, considering the difficulties encountered, she has succeeded remarkably well.

IRON WORKS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS ANNIE L. BUMPUS, TEACHER.

This school has pursued the even tenor of its way, the past year, as during the previous years of Miss Bumpus' teaching. Order secured without harshness, and constant efforts to secure progress in the required studies have produced their legitimate results. Each prescribed study has received its proportion of attention on the part of the teacher. The progress has been uniform, and greater than during any former year.

IRON WORKS PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISSSES S. A. CHILDS and ALICE M. MASON, TEACHERS.

Miss Childs had charge of this school during the Summer term. Her success here and her skill in governing, induced the Committee to transfer her to the Grammar school, which had become somewhat demoralized and stood in need of a teacher of Miss Childs' characteristics. Only strong reasons would have induced the Committee to transfer so successful and so esteemed a teacher to another field of labor.

Miss Mason was appointed to the vacancy thus made. Success is usually more difficult when follow-

ing a popular than an unpopular teacher. To love one teacher does not necessarily require that another should be hated, although this sometimes seems to be the case. No difficulties of this kind have been encountered. The teacher has been kindly received and her efforts to please and instruct have met with success. She has adapted her instructions to the capacities of her pupils, and remembering that the attention of little ones cannot long be held on one subject, has wisely interspersed them with singing, calisthenics and other exercises instructive and amusing.

The three schools in this district are now in an excellent condition. The teachers unite in a common purpose to secure the same end—the moral and intellectual development of their pupils.

DANIEL POTTER,

For the Committee.

SCHOOLS.	No. of Scholars.		Average Attendance.		No. over 15 years.		No, under 5 years.		Length of Terms.		Wages per Month.	
	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.
HIGH.....	71	53	64	51½	30	27	0	0	5	5	150	150
POND GRAMMAR.....	50	42	46	37	2	5	0	0	5	5	50	50
POND INTERMEDIATE.....	33	37	30½	33	0	0	0	0	5	5	40	50
POND PRIMARY.....	47	57	38½	42	0	0	0	0	5	5	36	36
UNION GRAMMAR.....	43	39	34	33	2	0	0	0	5	5	36	36
UNION INTERMEDIATE.....	31	44	27½	33	0	0	0	0	5	5	44	44
UNION PRIMARY.....	64	75	46	51½	0	0	1	0	5	5	36	36
IRON WORKS GRAMMAR.....	30	31	25	26½	0	2	0	0	5	5	36	34
IRON WORKS INTERMEDIATE.....	48	45	38	37	0	0	0	0	5	5	44	44
IRON WORKS PRIMARY.....	66	70	48	52	0	0	0	0	5	5	36	36
EAST.....	53	50	42	42	0	0	0	0	5	5	36	36
MIDDLE.....	38	39	29	28	0	2	0	1	5	5	44	44
SOUTH EAST.....	22	22	16	16½	0	0	0	0	5	5	36	36
SOUTH.....	19	25	15	17½	0	0	0	1	5	5	32	32
SOUTH WEST.....	32	27	22	18	0	0	0	0	5	5	36	36
WEST	19	22	13	14	1	2	0	0	5	5	36	36